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TAPAN AND CHINA.

(and January,)

In an article translated by the Japan

recently accorded to Marquis Nobeshima.

Count Hosokawa, and Viscount Kiyoura, of

the axles on which the Far Eastern question

moves, and as such there is every reason to

expect the two nations to have the friend-

liest of relations. In order to bring their

relations into closer touch it is advisable that

a community of economic interests be open-

ed between them, and this can be accomplish-

ed without much difficulty. To begin with,

Innan should abolish the import duty on rice,

while China, on her part, should remove the

embargo on the export of the cereal. It is

most encouraging to observe that China is

beginning to bestow some consideration on

this question, as otherwise the real stability.

of hereconomics could hardly be maintained.

It will be recalled that when Chang Chih-

tung was the Viceroy of the Hu and Kuang

provinces the export of rice was permitted

for a time. Now that Chang and Yuan Shih-

kai, the most progressive of Chinese states-

men, hold responsible positions in the Pek-

ing Government, there is no doubt that

everything that lends to improve the condi-

tion of China and her relations with other

countries will be tried. Turning to Japan,

opinion, however, is in favour of repealing

the duty on rice, together with other injudi-

cious taxes such as the transit dues, the salt,

textile, and other imposts. First of all it is

desirable that the rice tax be, abolished, for

the reason that while the revenue from this

source does not effect the Treasury in a very

material degree it has far-reaching conse-

quences on the economics of the country,

mark: The enthusiastic reception at Peking | during the year included the opening-of the.

the East Asiatic Common Literature Associa- Railway to the latter city and the opening

O'BRIEN HARDING BA. age 2'.

FRANCES, wife of T. J. Hollander, aged 38

On September 11, 1908, at Changteh, Hunan,

Harold Fletcher, of Wavertree, Liverpool,

L. Berst, American Presbyterian Mission.

Dec. 3, at Bayswater, the COMTE DE SILGUY,

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Mrs. J. A. Peach, a son (JOHN NOEL LAING)

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are predominant, apparently recognises the due within last year and might call for pur- for the construction of the Cauton-Hankow On December 19, 1908 at Changchowfu, to justice of an increase in the land-tax. Our chases of silver to cover. These considera- Rajlway, call attention to the great importthe Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Hutchinson, of The the Government is engaged in the task of sient, effect. The severe drop in the the scattered parts of the Empire by means financial readjustment, and it is in favour of | Chinese exchange cannot fail to stimulate | of Railways. Much has already been done the speedy abolition of the import duty on rice instead of increasing the land-tax, because in the interests of landholders both these measures could not be adopted the sametime. This advice, if acted upon, the distress among the poor, but will con-

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

tribute materially towards creating a com-

munity of economic interests between Japan

and China.

(4th January.) In our telegram columns to-day subject of railways in China occupies a amount of space. The review of events in retard the sale of the output, noraspeculative way have been many. Under the contract China for 1908, which appears in the North. inclination to buy. One factor, and one alone, with the American China Development China Laily Acros just to hand, and especially that section devoted to milways, is of particular appositeness in explanation of the awakening of the Central Government to the real importance and value of railway communication as a means to the development of the enormous latent resources of the country. The writer in our Shanghai contemporary observes :- "In no respect has the spirit of the times found better expression than in regard to railway construction. Theyear opened with popular feeling strongly opposed to all concessions to foreigners, and it required a struggle of some months to obtain the ratifi cation of the agreement for the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo line (March 6). . Un January 13 the agreement for the Tientsin-Pukow Railway was signed; the construction is entrusted to British, and German interests, but the terms of the loan were the most favourable that had ever been obtained by China. The desire for purely Chinese ownership found further expression in the "decision to redeem the Peking-Hankow Railwry, and a loan of £5,000,000 was successfully floated on ctober 13 for this purpose. Another venture re-purchased by China was the mining concession of the Peking Syndicate in Shansi. As the year progressed, however, there has been a growing realization that China is unequal, technically and financially to the task of providing herself with railways. The deadlock on the Canton-Chronicle from the Tokio Asahi; it is remark- Hankow line, and fit regard to the proposed ed that the general expectation that the new | railway from the 'atler town to Szechuan has Japanese Minister to China? Mr., Ijuin, led to the appointment of Ching Chin-tung would prove the right man in the right place to inquire into the subject of railway conalready seems to be justified. The relations struction. As a result negotiations for a Bribetween Japan and China, which were for a tish loan to complete the main trunk line to time somewhat strained, are now returning Canton are spoken of, and it is inevitable to the former footing of friendship, so the that the same solution should be agreed upon Tokio journal asserts, which proceeds to re- for the Szechuan line. Railway, enterprise

> authorities during the year." CHINA AND THE WORLD'S PEACE.

churia Railway has been a matter of arrange-

ment between the Japanese and Chinese

(5th January.) If we may believe Sir Robert Hart, ob serves the Fall Mall Gazette editorially, (and what Sir Robert does not know about China can hardly be worth knowing) the Celestial Empire is destined to-live up to its title by becoming the supreme promoter of 4h world's peace. The Chinese, as everybody knows, are strong anti-militarists; they dilike and despise soldiers. But circumstances are compelling them to arm, and Sir Robert Hart looks forward-to the day when China will, perhaps, say to the rest of the world: "Gentlemen, there must be no more fighting." That, says Sir Robert, Chin would be able to do by virtue of her four hundred millions of population, which would provide her with an army the like of which continues the Tokyo journal, it will be seen the world has never yet seen-for numbers. that the importanty on rice was devised and In that way, Sir Robert Hart believes, the put into force as one of the measures to Millennium will come. If he is right, the meet the exigencies of taxation during the late | Kaiser and all the other prophets of the war with Russia. The consensus of public Yellow Peril will look singularly foolish-at least they would if they were alive to assist at these exhibitating events. But they won't be-no more shall we for Sir Robert admits that the Millennium is not coming for one, two, or three centuries.

SILVER,

(6th January.) It is more than probable that the abolition The position of the silver market appears of the import duty on rice will be opposed to possess the same curious and apparently by the landed proprietors, who are the only. inexplicable vagaries. In their last report, people to profit by the retention of the ment of the 3rd ult., received by the mail to-day, sure, but when the welfare of the rest of the Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. noted the people is taken into consideration no one fact that a certain amount of support came should hesitate to advocate the repeal of the from Chine, and America declined to sell;

Tokyo contemporary does not like to urge tions, whilst possibly affecting the price of ance which is now being attached by the the increase of any tax just at present when silver favourably, must exercise but a tran- Chinese Government to the connecting of exports from this country; but no imme- on this line. A good trunk line connects diate result can be anticipated, for not only the two important commercial centres of do trade affairs move slowly in China, but | Tientsin and Hankow; from this line a also this is not the season for export; branch goes out to Tai-yuen-fu the capital had the fall taken place in June, the effect of Shansi, Province, and another to Kaiwill not only have the effect of relieving on trade would have been more marked. feng-fu, the capital of Honan Province. Now that the price has returned after five If the present plans are carried into years' interval to almost the lowest on record, operation, this line will also have a branch prices can be anticipated. Before answer- vince of Szechuen, and another running east ing are is well to observe that the market from this place through the northern part of con Bons in February, 1903, and Decem- Anhwei Province to Pukow, on the bank of ber, 1908, are quite different. At the former the river north of Nanking. A line from period silver had been discarded by succes. Tlentsin to Pukow is also under construcsive Governments, and so hopeless was the | tion, and one from Shangbai to Hangchow. outlook that there was neither a disposition to | The difficulties of the Canton Hankow Railintervened in 1903 to raise and steadily main- Company it was found impossible to carry tain the price for over four years, nearly 50 on the work of construction, and the conper cent, above the price in February, of cession granted to that Company was that year, and that was, the necessities of the | redeemed by China, largely under the Indian currency. 1-No consideration of the leadership of H.E. Chang Chih tung, at prospects of silver can ignord this element, that time Viceroy at Wuchang. In order namely:-that ultimately, though not in the | to redeem the line, a loan was effected from near future, the Indian Government will be the Hongkong Government. The matter of forced into the market, as a continuous and raising capital, from Chinese sources was almost monopolising buyer. The stocks, so entered into with great spirit both by the oppressive as they have been of late, would | people of Canton and Hunan Provinces. melt like snow, if the price touched a point Nothing has been done in Hunan Province when moneyed operators chose to come in, up to the present, and unfortunately in Canand lock up their purchases until the Indian | ton there has been so much discussion be-Treasury balances began to unload on a tween the Provincial authorities and the heavy scale. But this is not yet-mean shareholders that little has been accomplishwhile, stocks are heavy, and supplies continue, so that the answer to the question is of Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, better condimore a matter of time than price, and there might be much worse investments than a lof-this line it has been almost certain that it lock up of silver, when the record minimum. would be necessary to borrow foreign capital price has been broken. There is always a in order to complete the work, for it proved class of buyer who will come in and buy at | an impossibility for the agentry of the three what may appear to him a breaking up price." Provinces concerned to come to a common and the fact that silver has dropped almost understanding. With the original loan borcontinuously from 3sild. to 22d. appeals rowed from British sources it has been only irresistibly to those who like to buy when natural that the Government should turn to things are "in the dumps." The price of the same sources for the additional funds 22d. has been; within Ad. of the lowest on record. The ultimate factor in price is the is finally completed, the following Chinese cost of production—a difficult denominator Railways will be in debt to British bondto determine in the case of a metal so large. ly occurring as a by-product as silver does. Present conditions indicate that production has overtaken consumption; whether the present low price will decrease the one and stimulate the other, the early part of this year will probably make clear.

> PARLIAMENTARISM IN EAST AND WEST.

(7th January.) tion, should be regarded as a significant of the connecting line between the terminus Its. net). The comparative failure of Parlia. sign of the times. Again, the expression by and the native city; the continuation of the mentarism in Continental Europe he explains Japan of a sincere feeling of sympathy for the Kaifeng-Chengchow line to Hsianfu. Work as follows:-Real and effective Parliamen. sad events which occurred in China recently has been pushed on energetically on the Pek- tarism requires as its chief condition the would appear to have given China a new ing Kalganlineantion the French railway into wholesale reduction of that bureaucracy appreciation of Japan and the Japanese. At Yuhnan. On the Canton-Hankow line con- which, on the Continent, is called adminisany rate, it is a matter for congratulation struction on the first section from Wuchang tration in France, or Verwaltung in Germanthat the relations of the two countries have has been begun; the German line in Shan- speaking countries. The two sets of instibegun to work smoothly. One thing that re- tung is also being pushed forward. The tution are utterly opposed to one another mains to be disposed of is the boycott move- building of the line from Kwangchengtze to in constitution, spirit, effect and tendency, ment in South China, regarding which it may Kirin is already in hand, and through trains In England, as is well known, the civil serbe expected the Japanese Government will are now running from Peking to Mukden, I vice is a minor thing, the bulk of Contibe equal to the situation. It would be no where a junction between the Imperial Rail | nental administration being done by the exaggeration to say that Japan and China are | ways of North China and the South Man- | local self-governing county members. That administration, by absorbing nearly all such persons as want to act as public servants, impoverishes the resources of possible M.P.'s. Had the continental nations, together with the framework of the English Parliament, adopted the vitalising English local self-government, they would never-have lacked a sufficient number of able Parlinmentary leaders. This, however, they have not done, and accordingly, Continental Parlinments necessarily lack that constant affluence of well-trained Parliamentarians without whom Parliaments can never do lastinguand afeat work." With regard to the reaction against Karliamentarism in Persia, Di. Reich thinks this is due to the fact that the pressure from the outside has considerably relaxed. In other words, Russia and England, having come to an understanding about their Asia. lic policies, do not weigh with inordifiate pressure on Persia, but he does not think that Russian aggression can be permanently checked, and that this guarantees the rise of a representative constitution in Persia, inasmuch as the Persians cannot possibly hope to cope with Russian aggressiveness by any other means than by engaging all the forces of the entire nation in the struggle. The same reflections apply to Turkey. Dr. Reich does not think that Oriental Parliamentarism is exposed to the same debilitating forces as that, of Continental Europe. In Turkey and Peraia the Western idea of an all-powerful administration or Civil Service is almost unknown. Their men have, owing to some of the most fundamental institutions of Mohammedanism, much opportunity of developing that tact and practical knowledge of public business which makes for the rise of efficient Parlia-

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mentarians. Their religion fosters, not the

fonctionnairs, but the trustee.

Attention is now being paid in the North year, despite the business depression that | 22 d. for cash, and | 22 3/16d. for two China and eventually may afford a direct has been so prevalent, and they would not months. This temporary appearance of route through Ass and Hurope. The be affected by decrease more or less in the strength might not be unconnected with the Shankar reast, dealing with the subject. Imperial Palace for the physical as a strength might not be unconnected with the Shankar reast, dealing with the subject. I whose "bear" position of Chicago specialists that constitution which are going may a reast and respectation.

ranks representatives of the landed interest exchange. Many of these transactions fell on in Peking at present, concerning the loan the natural question recurs, whether lower leading from Sinyang to the far western Proed, although recently, under the leadership tions have prevailed. Since the redemption necessary to complete the line. If the loan holders:—the Peking-Newchwang iline; Shanghai-Nanking line; one half of the Tientsin-l'ukow line; Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo line; and Canton-Kowloon line, The advantages of effecting foreign loans for the construction of railways was severely criticised for several years, but the present policy of the Government seems to favour this course. The policy of the former Director-General of Railways, H.E. Sheng Kung Pao, was fiercely attacked both by high officials and the gentry, but time has Dr. Emil Reich contributes a striking brought about its own justification. When Heinming and Sunning lines in Kwangtung, article on the Parliaments of the Western money can be borrowed from foreign sources the completion of the Shanghai-Nanking and hastern nations to the December num- at 41 or 5%, it does not seem a wise thing ber of the International (T. Fisher Unwin, to divert Chinese capital which can earn 10 % or 12 % away from such enterprises to less profitable ones. The only thing to have been seared in this connection from the outset was political influence, and the plan followed at that time of dividing the loans between various nations was fully adequate to protect Chinese interests. Whether these interests are now being fully protected by giving such a large proportion of the new loaus to one nation may be open to doubt.

Telegrams,

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH! SERVICE.

CIENTSIN MONEY MARKET Chinese Officials and Foreign

Peking, 31st December. In view of the critical condition of the money market in Tientsin, embassy (to America) is estimated at there was a meeting of Chinese offi- one million tacls. cials and Foreign Consuls at the Viceroy's yamen.

to render available a sum of ohe million taels to avert a financial

BOXER INDEMNITY.

Peking, 81st December. German Ministers at Peking pro- of Mines, 1982 Million pose to suggest to their respective Either Sheung Kung-pao or Governments the remission of a part Yenng, Shi-kee will receive the of the Boxer indemnity in token of appointment. their friendship towards China."

Peking, 81st December,

estimated that there will be a saving

CONSULS IN CONFERENCE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po,"] .

It was proposed at the meeting

SUGGESTION BY FOREIGN

MINISTERS. [By courtery of the "Shoung Po."]

EMPRESS'S GENEROSITY.

PROPOSED SURBENDER OF FUNDS.

By courtesy of the " Showing Po."

The Empress Downger thas induty. The owners of landed property have with the result "bears" became tather ner, to the progress of the railway enterprise, formed the Prince Regult of her munications has issued instructions been in very good circumstances since last your, and the quotation re-acted that day to which is going to link up the provinces of determination to hand over the to the Police at Tientain not to allow whole amount of the funds in the certain papers, printed in the Japan Imperial Palace for the purposed of ese settlement at Tientain to be of

ONE MILLION ANNUAL SAVING. [By courtery of the " Showng. Po."] Peking, 31st December. By giving up the Eho Park, it is

of one million tacls a vi UNRULY TIBETANS.

CRITICAL CONDITION AT LHASSA

[By courtery of the " Showing Po."]

Peking, 31st December.

The Senior Amban in Tibet has memorialized the Central Government that, owing to the unruly nature of the people, Chiu Yee-fung is unable to come and take up his appointment (as Viceroy).

As the Dalai Lama has not yet returned the state of affairs in Tibet is somewhat critical.

The "Fatshan" Boycott.

POLICE SUMMONED TO PREVENT DISTURBANCE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Canton, 1st January, 5.25 p.m.

The moving spirit in the boycott of the s.s. Fatshan is one Fok Wing. . The assistance of the police had to be summoned in order to prevent a disturbance.

AN OBSTINATE SOCIETY,

PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL'S CONTRETEMPS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Canton, 31st December. Yesterday, at one o'clock in the alternoon, a general meeting was held by the Canton Self-Government Society, when there was an unusually large number of people) present to discuss matters in connection with the Fatehan incident. Hanlin Kong Hung Yun was alected chairman to preside over the meeting. Speeches were made by several reptiemen and a number of letters received by the Society from various individuals and guilds touching the case were read before the assembly. "After considerable discussion, the following resolut sions were passed :-- 1. The Society will send a

letter to the Portuguese Consul asking him whether he can give any proof as to the allegation that the Society brilled the witnessesand also for an explanation why the Society should be termed an illegal body, etc. 2. petition will be presented to the Vicerry asking him to file representations in detail to the Portuguese Minister at Peking against the Consul through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; if a Court is to sit, a delegation of the Bociety will be sent to attend it. 3. The Society Itself will moreover lodge a complaint against the Consul to his Home Government as well as the Portuguese Minister at Peking and will also at the same time wire to the leading papers to report the whole case for the perusal of everybody for adjustment. Though the above resolutions have been passed, it is not certain that they will be carried into effect, and the result of the case remains to be seen.

TANG SHAO-YI'S MISSION. A COSTLY EMBASSY.

[By courtery of the "Shewing Po."]

Peking, 2nd January. The cost of H.E. Tang Shao-yi's

One half of the expenditure will be defrayed by the Waiwunu and the other half by the Board of Rites.

MINING IN CHINA. APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERING TENDENT. Antonion th

[By courtery of the "Shoung Par]

Peking, 2nd January. The Central Government is determined to create a new appoint-The British, Russian, French and ment to be styled the Superintendent

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[By courtery of the Showing Por]

Peking, 2nd January. The Ministry of Posts and ComCONSTITUTIONAL GOVERN-MENT.

TURKEY'S EXAMPLE. [By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 2nd January. The Prince Regent evinces great interest in the question of constitutional government.

He is constantly asking the Grand Councillors how it was that Turkey succeeded in instituting a Parliament within such a short period.

CHINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

PROPOSED TREATY REVISION. · [By courtely of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. The Waiwupu is determined to notify the various Foreign ministers in Peking of that Ministry's desire next spring to proceed with a re vision of the existing Treaties with a view of securing the sovereign rights of China.---

> PEKING-HANKO W RAIL WAY.

REDEMPTION PAYMENT.

[By courtery of the "Shoung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. The Ministry of Posts and Communications, on the 21st ult., paid over to the Belgian Syndicate the money for the redemption of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

FRENCHSAILORS AT WUHU. ALLEGED FRACAS.

[By courtery of the " Sheung Po."].

Peking, 3rd January. On the evening of the 1st. inst., the crew of a French gunboat obtained shore leave at Wuliu.

It is alleged that there was a fracas between the sailors and the native police some of whom were injured

NA TUNG

APPOINTED GRAND COUNCILLOR

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. Na Tung has been appointed to the Grand Council.

> YUAN SHIH-KAI. FALLEN OUT OF GRACE!

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. An Imperial Decree has been issued to the effect that Yuan Shihkai, president of the Waiwupu and one of the Grand Councillors, has been in receipt of Imperial favours both before and since the accession of the new Emperox

The Decree says: Upon Outaccession to the Throne We have always conferred honours on him on account of his abilities, so that lie may serve Us. Contrary to expectations, however, Yuan Shih-kai is at present süffering from a bad foot, and is therefore incapacitated from discharging hi

Yuan Shih-kai is, accordingly, relieved from all his posts and ordered home for treatment.

This is a mark of Our favour.

PRINCE CHING.

APPLIES FOR LEAVE OF ABSENC

[By courlesy of the ... Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. As soon as the Imperial Decree was issued concerning Yuan Shil kai, Prince Ching applied for leave

of absence. ORIGIN OF THE DECREE.

PRINCE REGENT'S OWN CONCEPTION.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."].

Peking, 3rd January. The idea of issuing the Decree about Yuan Shih-kai emanated from the Prince Regent himself, who observed strict reticence before it. was issued.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

LOAN NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

[ By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. Ko, Ling-wei, Chung Kwong-

presentative of the British and Chinese Corporation) met together at H.E. Chang Chih tung's residence for several days in conference over the subject of the loan for the northern section of the Canton-

Hankow Railway. Negotiations proceeded satisfac-

HUNAN-HUPEH SECTION. PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January. Chang Chih-tung proposes to appoint Chung Kwong-yung director-general of the Hunan-Hupeh Railway and Chim Tin-yan as

engineer-in-chief. He also proposes to depute Ko Ling-wei on a tour of inspection into the affairs of the Canton-Hankow Railway at Canton.

COLLISION AT CHINKTANG. STEAMERS BADLY DAMAGED.

> [From Our Own Correspondens] Shanghai, 4th January,

1.15 p.m. There was a collision between the steamers Tachang Maru and Sinlec, near Chinkiang, on Friday.

Both steamers were badly damaged; they had to be beached to prevent sinking.

The s.s. Kinnyching, in order to avoid collision, was also beached.

Tachang Maru (Chinese rendering of Daite. Maru) is a steel twinscrew steamer of 2,71. gross tous and 1,781 nett. Built in 1901 by the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works at Nagasaki to the order of the Nisshin Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha. Length 282.1 feet; breadth 36 4 feet ; depth 12:4 feet.

es.s. Singlee, ex Victoria, ex Stracuse; 1,250 tons gross, 934 net. Built in 1871 by Wigham Richardson & Co., Newcastle Owned by Ku

S.S. Kiang Ching, ex Haur Wagner, ex Brunswick, ex Mornea, built in 1883 by J. and G. Thomson, Glasgow, 1,595 tons gross, 951, net. Owned by Tung-Kee & Co.; Ld.

> YUAN SHIH-KAI'S DISMISSAL.

DISCONTENT IN PEKING. [From Our Ozun Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th January,

Discontent prevails (in Peking) at the dismissal of H.E. Yuan Shih-kai. -The appointment is reported of H.E. Liang Tun-yen as president of the Waiwupu vice Yuan Shih-kai.

OPTUM CONFERENCE.

... AMERICAN DELEGATE IN SHANGHAL.

REV. E. W. THWING HAS NO OFFICAL

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th January, Dr. Hamilton Wright, one of the American delegates to the Opium Conference, arrived here from Hong-

kong at noon yesterday. Dr. Wright states that the object of the Conference is to ascertain whether the existence of the opium

evil is real or not, and to devise means for controlling same. Only interested Powers have been

invited to the Conference. The territory of Hawaii has not

been invited. Roy. E. W. Thwing has no official friction.

standing at the Conference.

[When in Hongkong last week, Mr. Thwing stated that he had been appointed by the Governor of Hawaii to represent the Territory at the Shanghai. Opium Conference, as Hawaii also has an opium problem to settle,-Ed.,

An Impérial decree will soon be issued commanding H.E. Viceroy Tuan Fang to open the International Opium Conference at Shanghai in February next. Three names were given to the Prince Regent from which to select one as China's chief representative at the Conference, namely, Prince Kung, Grand Connellor Lu Chuan-lin, and Viceroy Tuan, Fang. The Regent's choice fell on the last named official.

OPIUM CONFERENCE. VICEROY TUAN FANG CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Shanghai, 4th January. H.E. Viceroy Tuan Pang has been appointed, by telegram from the Central Government, principal (representative for China at the Opium Conference.

-His-Excellency will proceed to Shanghai and attend the opening of the Conference. in February.

> SELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

CHANG CHIH TUNGS NOMINEE.

By courtery of the "Showing Po."]

Poking with Jamiary. It is proposed by the Grand Council to Jung, and Mr. J.O. P. Bland (re-) recommend Chow Kaloi, Loung Styl, or the ex-Grand Councillor,

Cheung Yum tong for appointment as vicepresident of the Waiwupu. Chang Chih tung fayours Leung Szyi's nomination,

YUAN SHIH-KAI. SURPRISED BY HIS DISMISSAL.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

o Peking 4th January. Yuan Shih-kai was taken rather by surprise with the Decree commanding his

relirement. It is His Excellency's intention to remain in Peking in the hope that the order may be revoked.

A DENUNCIATORY COMMUNICATION.

PRINCE REGENT MOVED.

[ By courtery of the" Shoung Po,"]

Peking, 4th January. It is reported that, prior to the issue of the Decree, a communication reached Peking from Chineso residing n foreign countries denouncing Yuan Shih-kai: 3 The Prince Regent read it and became deeply moved thereby

The Prince Regent-issued the Imperial Decree concerning Yuan Shih-kai of his own accord. He did not consult even the other Grand Councillors: Yuan Shih-kai's adherents became greatly

alarmed on the issue of the Decree.

APPOINTMENTS.

POLICY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

[ By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."

The Prince Regent has informed the Grand Council that, in making appointments, no savouritism should be shown. Men of ability will be chosen while the incompetent ones will be passed over. His object is to secure the best men for the public service irrespective of party

GREECE AND CHINA. COMMERCIAL TREATY WANTED.

By courtesy of the "Sheung-Po."]" Peking, 4th January. Certain subjects of Greece have ap-

proached the Waiwupu with a request for the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce with China. The Waiwung has deferred to the request and proposes to address communications to

the Government of Greece with a view of opening negotiations for a Commercial

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE LATE EMPEROR'S SCHEME.

(By courtesy of the "Shoung Po,"): Peking, 4th January,

The Prince Regent's mind is constantly preoccupied with the memory of the late He has declared that he would exert his

utmost to advance the scheme, formulated by the late Emperor, for the institution of constitutional government. Lately, he has evinced the most lively interest in all that concerns the question of

constitutional government. YUAN SHIH-KAI'S

DEPARTURE.

LEAVES FOR HONAN. (By courtery of the "Sheung Po.") Peking, 4th January.

After the issue of the Decree ordering the retirement of Yuan Shih-kai, his adherents counselled him to defer his departure from

His Excellency, however, was of opinion that he had little hope of reinstatement and that his delay in leaving might lead to

Yuan Shih-kai, accordingly, decided, after returning thanks, to leave the capital by the Peking-Hankow Railway on the 3rd inst.

WAIWUPU.

PRESIDENT\_APPOINTED

[By courlesy of the " Sheung Po."] Peking, 4th January.

On the 3rd inst., an Imperial Decree was ssued appointing Loung Tun-yin acting president of the Waiwupu.

> YUAN SHIH-KAI. DETAINED AT PEKING. [By coursesy of the " Shearng Po."]

Peking, 5th January. On the 3rd inst., Yuan Shih-kal was to have taken the Express train to proceed to his native place, but as soon as hearrived at the railway, station he was stopped from proceeding by officers acting under instruc- of such an arrangement. tions from the Central Government.

SEVERE DENUNCIATIONS. TWENTY CHARGES. AGAINST

[By courtery of the " Showing Po."]

Peking, 3th January, Cousor Kong Chun-lum has, in a memorial. denounced Yuan Shib-kai severely. He has formulated twenty charges against NO VISITS.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG REFUSED INTERVIEW.

[By courtery of the " Showing I'o."]

Peking, 5th January.

On the and inst., after the issue of the Imperial Decree ordering the retirement of Yuan Shih kai, Chang Chih tung and Luk Tsim-lum, on leaving the office of the Grand Council, proceeded to call on Yuan Shihkai, who refused to see them.

PRINCE CHING. PROSPECTIVE RETIREMENT. [By courtery of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 5th January. The moment Prince Ching heard of the retirement of Yuan Shih-kai he applied for It is reported that it is his intention to

altogether. PROVINCIAL VICEROYS. CONFIDENTIAL TELEGRAMS FROM YUA'N SHIH KAL.

withdraw from participation in State affairs

[By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

telegrams to certain Viceroys and Gov- taken.

HSU SHI-CHANG. DENOUNCED BY A CENSOR.

Peking, 5th January. Peking 4th January 186 Shichung. The Central Government has deputed certain officials to investigate the charges.

DENUNCIATORY MEMORIAL.

PRINCE IMPLICATED.

[Py courtery of the " Sheing. Po."] Peking, 5th January. In his memorial denouncing Yuan Shihkaj. Kong Chun-lum made reference to the coup d'etat in l'eking (1896) wherein a cer-

tain Prince was implicated. FEELING AGAINST YUAN

> SHIH-KAL. THREE TIMES DENOUNCED. ABy courtery of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 5th January. The various censors in Peking have denounced Yuan Shih kai three times, employing strong language in their indictments.

EX-VICEROY SHUM. PROBABLE VICEROY OF CHIHLI.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."] Peking, 5th January.

It is the intention of the Central Government to transfer Yuan Hsi-sheung to Peking and to appoint in his place Shum Chun-haen (ex-viceroy of Canton) as Viceroy

CHINESE BANK NOTES FOREIGN MINISTERS' REPRE-SENTATIONS.

[By courtesy of the "Shoung Po."] Peking, 5th January.

The Foreign Ministers in Peking-have notified the Waiwupu that Chinese Banknotes in circulation are becoming more numerous and that the Chinese Government must guarantee them before they can be

> SIR CHEN TUNG A PERSONA GRATA. [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 6th January. Viceroy Chang Jen-chun has telegraphed to the Central Government that Sir Chen Tung Liang-chen's period of mourning (for his mother) has expired and that his services should be retained in Canton as director general of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The Viceroy has also asked that no reduction be made in Sir Chen Tung's emoluments.

An Imperial Decree has been issued sanctioning Viceroy Chang's request. CANTON-HANKO W

> RAIL WAY. BRANCH LINES, [By courtery of the "Skeing Po."]

Peking, 6th January. It is proposed by the Ministry of Posts and Communications that the branch lines of the Canton-Hankow Railway should be placed under the management of officials. H.E. Chang Chih tung, Superintendent General of the Railway, does not approve

> YUAN SHIH-KAI. DEPARTURE FROM PEKING.

[By coursely of the "Sheing Pet"].

Peking, 6th January. As already reported, Yuan Shih-kai-was stopped, the other day, at the railway station just as he was about to leave Peking by

On the 5th inst., he left the capital and finily follow him later,

PRINCE CHING

SUFFERING FROM BAD FOOT [By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 6th Japuary. Prince Ching is also suffering from a bi oot, which is getting worse. -

On the 5th inst., after the Grand Counci lors left; their office, they called at the residence of the Prince to inquire after health, but His Highness refused to rece

IMPERIAL ALLOWANCES EXPENDITURE TO PA FIXED. [By courlesy of the ! Shoung Pon]

Pokirig oth January The Prince Regent has given directions to the Grand Council and the Ministry of the Imperial Household to fix the allowances for members of the Imperial family.

> YUAN SHIH-KAI'S RETIREMENT:

FUREIGN MINISTERS INCHES By courteny of the Shoung Pall

Peking, 6th January. In consequence of the retirement of Yuzu Peking, 5th January. Shih-kai, the various Foreign Ministers On the and inst., after the promulgation Peking have wired to their respective Gov- appointed: of the Imperial Decree concerning himself, ernments suggesting that China should be Yuan Shih kai despatched confidential asked the reason why such a step has been

> THE OPIUM CONFERENCE. U. S. DELEGATE SUBSTITUTED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Mr. Charles Denby, United States Con-

sul-General at Shanghai, has been appointed American Commissioner to the Opium Conference to be held on the 1st February. Mr. Denby replaces. Dr. Tenney, whose

> AMERICAN COURT. REOPENS NEXT MONTH. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

services are required at Peking.

Shanghai, 7th January, The United States Court in China reopens at Shanghai on the 24th February,

CHINESE POSTAL RIGHTS.

PROPOSED RECOVERY.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."] Peking, 6th January. The Ministry of Posts and Communications is determined to recover China

Postal rights after China New Year. YUAN SHIH-KAI. REPORTED QUITE WELL.

[By coursesy of the "Shoung Po."] \_ Peking, 7th January. On the 5th inst., a certain foreign Minister Mr. Ijuin) returned to Peking by train. At the railway station he met Yuan Shihkai and observed that His Excellency was going about as usual without exhibiting any

signs of a bad foot. " A DAMAGING MEMORIAL HIGH OFFICIALS IMPRACHED.

By courtesy of the " houng Po." Peking, 7th January. In Kong Chun-lum's memorial denouncing Yuan Shih-kai, he implicated Prince Ching, Young Shi-chang, Heu Shi-chang, two vice-presidents of Ministries, and

certain Governor... YUAN SHIH KAI.

REFUSED TO RECEIVE VISITORS

[By coursely of the " Shoung Po."] Peking, 7th January, After his retirement Yuan Shih kai refused to receive any visitors except Prince Ching

and Prince Ching's son, MINISTRY OF POSTS PRESIDENT CHAN DENOUNCED.

By courtesy of the " Shoung Fo."] Peking, 7th January. A certain censor has denounced H.E. Chan Pik, president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications.

WAIWUPU THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT.

Peking, 7th January. It was on the recommendation of Grand Councillors Chang Chih tung and Na Tung that Liang Tuniyen was promoted to the post of president of the Ministry of Poreign

H. R. LIANG TUN-YEN.

By courtery of the " Sheung Po."].

His Excellency Llang Tuniyen, who now succoods to the important position of Acting Pre-sident of the Wai Wu-po, has risen very rapidly during the last five years. His is one of the band of Chinese students who spent inevers Il years in the United States, under the supervision of Dr. Youg Wing. After his return China Mr. Llang was given a subordinate not tion in an office where his knowledge of the Raglish language was of vervice and he comproceeded by rall to, his native; home; his manded his career in Chian after his server

of Tis, 8 per mensem. While II. E. Chang Chib-tung was Vicercy of the Capton provinces he secured the services of Mr. Liang as his interpretor and translator. ... Mr. Liang remained in this service as long as His Excellency Chang Chih tung was in Canton and folloved him when he was transferred to become Viceroy at Wuchapg. Here he remained many years and became wall-known to the members of the Consular staffs, of various pations as well as to the foreign residents of Hankow. He civilinged his Chinese studies very dilligently and became proficient in them. When H: E. Chang Chib-tung was called to Peking and H. B. Tunn, Fang was Acting-Viceroy at Wichang Mr. Liang was recommended to go to Peking for Imperial audience and since that time his promotion has been very rapid. He filled the position of Customs Taotal at Tientein, was sent to Kiangsi Province after the Nanchang Missionary troubles, was later appointed Provincial Treasurer at Kiangal and has been all through the various grades in the Board of Foreign Affairs till he became Vice-President, affil, now, on the retirement of his former chief, becomes A.ting-President of this important Board, in his new position be takes precedence over the presidents of all other boards and next to the Grand Councillors is one of the most imor The men in the Government. His Excelency anglis a man of quiet, kindly temperamenuged is very popular with all who know him wife lately passed throughout Shanghai of his way to Amoy to welcome the American FleePand from Ampy proceeded to his home in Canton on a short leave from which he was recalled upon the deaths of their Majestins and cturned hastily to Poking.". His many friends smong all parionalities will wish him conlinued success in his new appointment and

Peking, 7th January.

ceive them. YEUNG SHI-CHANG.

·[By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 7th January. On the 3rd inst., Yuan Shih kai proceeded to Tientsin to confer with Vicercy Yeung Shi-chang, but the latter declined to receive. the ex-Grand Councillor.

RESIGNATION.

I to Peking.

Peking, 7th January. In consequence of the relirement of his father (Yuan Shih-kai), 'Yuan Hak Teng tendered his resignation from one of the

being given him by a certain Prince.

THE LATE EMPEROR'S ME Washington, December 2. "Long may your excellency enjoy good

Emperor of China to the President, handed him to-day by Tang Shao Yi, the special Chinese Ambassador, thanking the United States Government for the remission of \$14,000,000 of the indemnity guaranteed by China for damages resulting from the Boxer rebellion. The presentation of the letter took place in the blue parlor of the White House at 2.30

confined to his home by indisposition. The etter from the late Emperor was as follows: ."The Emperor of China to the President of He United States of America, greeting: "Mr. President: China has always maintained the most friendly relations with the United States since the establishment of intercourse between the two countries, By taking the initiative in 'proposing remission of a portion of the indemnity as provided by treaty, your excellency has won the respect of mankind for magnanimity, and just dealing. Furthermore, the Congress has given signall proof of friendliness by giving effect to your excellency's recommendations, In sincere recognition of this generous action, we hereby appoint Tang Shao Yi, an official with the rank of President of a Ministry and Governor of the province of Fung' Ties, as special: Ambassador to proceed to the United States for the purpose; of presenting this our letter. We have always placed entire confidence in his eminent ability, clear perception and sterling integrity. We have specially commended him, in the discharge of his duties, to convey to your excellency the expression of

sperity and peace. These are our heatifelt "Given on the 24th day of the eighth moon

ember 19, 1908.) In presenting the letter Ambassador Lang

states and the Chinese Empire, which's is a cherished aim of this Government to determ for

will be tertain that their hopes will not be dis-PRINCE CHING. REFUSES VISIT OF INQUIRY. . By courtes tof the "Shoung Po."] The Prince Regent directed the Grand Councillors to proceed and inquire after Prince Ching's health : 19 19 19 His Highness, however, declined to re-

DECLINES HONOUR OF YUAN SHIH-KAPS VISIT.

Whereupon Yuan Shih-kai hastened back

YUAN SHIH KAI'S SON QUITE

[By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."].

secretaryships of the Ministry of Industry, Agriculture and Commerce. It is reported that he did so on a hint

TANG SHAO.Y! IN AMERICA.

health and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with prosperly and peace; these are our heartielt wishes " These are the contiments expressed in the concluding sentence of the letter from the late

o'clock this afternoon. Tang, who was accompanied to the White House by Prince Tsai Fuis first secretary, and a dozen other members of his suite, was introduced to the President, by Acting Secretary Adec of the State Department, in the absence of Mr. Root, who was

our grateful thanks and testily to our lasting friendship... It is our hope that the relations of the two countries will be further strengthened by mutual confidance. Long may your excelinncy enjoy good bealth and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with pro-

in the thirty-fourth year of Kwang Hau (Sept-

recalled that it was the last message addressed by his late majesty to the President and raid every line, of it breathes friendship and good will for the Government and people of the United States and voices the sestiments of all

The President replied briefy, saying in conclusion: HI ask you to express to your august povereign and to the Chinese Government my appreciation and that of the Government and people of the United States, of the sending of this special Renbassy, which so finely signalizes a fresh manifestation of that success coefficence good will and friendship determent the Whited

#### New Year Honour.

SIR JACOB SASSOON.

SENIOR PARTNER OF HONGKONG FIRM.

A private telegram was received in the Colong to-day that Mr. Jacob Sassoon, senior partner of the Hongkong firm of Mesars, E. D. Sassoon & Co., has been created a Baronet. Sir Jacob was the representative of the firm in Hongkong, which his late, father founded, about thirty years ago. The affairs of this leading firm at the present day are left in the capable hands of Mr. C. S. Gubbay to control. The popular manager of the Hongkong firm was the recipient of hearty congratulations from a number of prominent citizens and mercantile representatives in the course of the forenoon, to-day at his office, where the leading exponents of Chinese business interests did themselves the pleasure of calling and offering their felicitations to Mr. Gubbay.

Quite recently Sir Jacob Sassoon made the magnificent gift of ten lakbs of rupees, for the establishment of the Central Institute of Science in Bombay.

THE HISTORY OF THE NOBLE HOUSE of David Sassoon is closely bound up with the growth of commercial Bombay for near ly three-quarters of a century, Mr. David Sassoon, the original founder, was one the chief Treasurers into the kingdom of the Great Sultan in Bagdad holding the title of "Nasi" or Prince of the Land. Owing to political affairs he had to seek voluntary ex le, and landed in Bombay in 1831. The rising trade of the capital soon attracted his remarkable genius and aptitude for commerce and within a few years, he came to be reckoned amongst the merchant princes of the day, About this period, the Eastern trade attracted the attention of enterprising traders. Mr. David sent his eldest son Elias to Canton in 1845 and, soon after, was successful in estab. in China opened for trade to British subjects. The enormous volume of eastern trade which the Sassoons then carried on contributed largely to the gigantic fortune which they built This continued until 1864 when old David Sissoon died und in 1866, his eldest son Elias, started business to such an chormous extent "that the firm soon had three branches in China, two in Japan, three in England, three in India, besides a branch is the Persian Gulf, Bagdad, Germany, America and even Africa. After the death of his father in 1880, Jacob transferred himself to Bombay as the head-quarters of the firm, and was materially assisted by his brothers Edward and Meyer, who, moving for a while between China and India, afterwards settled in England, looking after the trade with the west. It was at this time that he was happily wedded to Rachel, daughter of a wealthy merchant of Calcutta. Of this lady, it may be said that her liberality is only equalled by her goodness.

The keen mind of Sir Jacob soon perceived the great potentialities of the.

LOCAL TEXTILE INDUSTRY and so early as 1885, he built his first mill, th Alexandra Mill. He subsequently established the E. D. Sassoon Mill, E. D. Sassoon Dyeworks, the Rachel Sassoon Mill, and the Jacob Sassoon Mill, the last being the largest mill in India. It is remarkable that Sir Jacob preserves a strong and unshaken faith in the future of this industry, notwithstanding the dark clouds which have sometimes hung over.

While the Sassoons have thus materially contributed to

THE ADVANCING TIDE OF COMMERCE. AND INDUSTRY.

they have also given with a large-hearted and judicious liberality. Reference may be made to their important donations to the cause of suffering humanity on founding the David Sas-Hospital, the Elias Sassoon Lyingin Ward, the Sassoon Infirmary and Leper-Asylum and last, but not least, the Jacob Sassoon European General Hospital, for which an additional sum of two lakhs of rupces was given by Sir Jacob recently. To these should be added the lakh of rupees given to Lord Lamington for the Central Nursing Fund, They have also contributed towards the educational progress of the people. The Sassoon, lodged by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Reformstory, the Sassoon Mechanics Institute. the Byculla Sassoon High School, a lakh and for registering a trade mark with the design a ball devoted towards the Elphinstone High i Schools and now the Sassoon Central Institute of Science bespeak the real and enthusiasm they have evinced in the cause of letters. Besides these, a lakh of rupees was given towards I tion on the ground that the mark resembled the Sailors' Home.

THESE MUNIFICENT CHARITIES have not been given at the sacrifice of the claims of the lewish community. Bir Incob Sassoon is perhips the principal philanthropist who has helpedtowards the ameliaration of his own community and this has won for him the position of the head of the Jewish community in India. He has built and maintained a synagogue in Bombay, Poons and Hongkong for them. He has provided schools for them of which the principal one, a high school, was latterly endowed with two lakhs of rupees in Byculla-Besides these, separate funds are provided for giving leasts to the poor on holiday for giving relief to the needy and the disabled among

In private life Sir Jacob has suffered more than most men. A serious disability of the eyesight has prevented him for many years from taking his due share in the social and public life of the day. His wife has been a permanent invalid for a long time. His only child died in its infancy, and naturally of retired produced. It was indeed a wise policy habits these misfortunes have made him somewhat of a recluse. He is intensely religious, and his simple ways of piety and benevolence are instriking contrast to his collosal fortune and high position: in life.

#### OPIOM IN SIAM.

The Courrier d'Haiphong gives the figures of the import of opinim into Siam for some years back and adds a sympathetic, note on the efforts made to control the import of morphia. It says:-Opium is, in effect, a Government monopoly, and the Government holds that the rules as opium itself, pspecially as regards their importation by foreigners under the treaties. On this point certain difficulties have arisen with foreigners who took up the importation of morphia. The amount of this drug being brought into the country was increasing, and madoubtedly largely exceeded the requirements for medical purposes. The Government then penseries of good reputation and under certain conditions, vis. the fixing of a maximum. amount and inspection of the books of sale. Morphia pays a duty of 3 per cent, in Siam.

in grew opium, but the thing is done on so! Mr. Okube, Director of the Commercial and weefell afacele and in soldistant and thinly moralitied a part of the country that the Cov. | calibre and Commerce, attended by Invitation.

ROWLOON DOCK BALL.

BCOTSMEN'S "AT HOME."

The Hunghom staff of the Hongkong and

Whampos Dock Company gave their annual Ball on New Year's Eve, and was, as usual largely attended. It would not do to merely use the hackneyed phrases usually employed in describing social functions, but in order obtain an idea of the general bilarity goodwill which prevailed on Thursday night, one should have been present at the Dock Co.'s dance. Mr. Robt. Mitchell, the genial manager of Hongkong's premier industry, once more proved his abilities as a host, and the staff also spared no pains in making the guests feel at home. New Year's Eve is perhaps the one occasion in the year when all sordid thoughts are dispensed with, and the refreshing sense of goodwill which is synonymous with this time of the year found a responsive call in the breasts of all present. Dances there were plenty and drinks went round freely. The New Year was ushered in by the time-honoured singing of "Auld Lang Syne," when the lusty cheers and hearly hand-shaken were a more striking testimony of the general feeling than would have been a thousand nicely-worded speeches. A feature of the Ball was the electric device "1909" which flashed forth at the stroke of

 During the proceedings, Mr. T. W. Robertson proposed to toast of the staff of the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company, which was responded to by Mr. W. Wilson, who proposed the healths of the "The Visitors." The latter toast was answered by Mr. G. T. Lloyd. 'The manager then asked the gathering to drink to "The Ladies," which was responded to by Dr. Forsyth in a happy little speech.

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

The revenue of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for the present half-year has shown a notable increase owing to the favourable result of the coasting trade and the retrenchment of exlishing business centres in all the treaty ports | penditure. The total revenue from July to November amounted to Y4,719,000, against which the expenses were Y3,583,000, leaving a profit of Y1,136,000, an increase of over Y220,000 on the figures for the corresponding period of last yer and of more than Y160,000 as compared with the period from Japuary to May

N. D. L. BNIBRPRISE.

COALING STATION IN KOH-SI-CHANG.

About two years ago or more Messrs, the North German Lloyd established a coaling station, for supply of coal to the 'company's vessels, at Koh-si-Chang. Two hulks were provided and anchored for the purpose at Kohsi-Chang. The coaling station took this form for two reasons; one was for facilitating the couling of steamers which could go alongside the hulks to coal, and another reason was that two anchorages have to be used by ships coalling or leading outside, according to the change of the monsoon. One anchorage was at Kohsi-Chang, and the other at Anghin. These hulks could be towed and anchored at either station according as the necessity arose.

It was estimated at the time the station was established that a saving could be effected by the company by reason of the fact that German vessels could load in Bangkok 200 tons of cargo more and be able to cross the bar when ships estered the river with bunkers provided with sufficient coal only to take a ship as far as an outer anchorage. These vessels had in any case to complete cargoes at one of these outer anchorages and they could at the same time take in coal sufficient for completion of the

This arrangement has, it appears, not produced the success anticipated and we understand that the Company have now decided to give up the coal hulks from the beginning of this year and return to the former methods of taxing sufficient coal at Singapore or Hongkong, for the voyage backwards and forwards,-Sian Observer,

1RADE MARK PROTEST.

.The chief examiner of the Japanese Patent Buread has passed a decision, on a protest Ld. On May 15 the firm applied to the Bureau showing "the Rising Sun in centre with wheat stalks at both sides; 'Sun Chop' at the upper part and 'J. M. C.' at the lower." The authorities of the office dismissed the applicathat of No. 9,887 registered. The applicants contended that the two marks were different in form and character described. The chief examiner refused to admit the protest in accordance with the 4th clause of Art. 2 of the Trade Mark Law.

STRAITS TIN.

PULO BRANI WORKS TO STAGGER MINING

It; may not be generally known but vet is a positive fact that much of the "English" i tin supposed to be produced in Comwall and sold as "English" tin, is nothing more than a combination of the products of Straits tin with the Cornwall ores. There is no place in the world that can produce purer tin than the Malny States, says. In Tinland, and it is no idle boast that the Smelting Works at Pulo Brani in Singapore can and will stagger, the mining world as to the quality of metallic tin the Malay Government to have put a probibitive duty on tin ores exported to countries outside of the States and Colony, as the facilities presessed by the Straits Trading Company's works in Singapore and Penang are a sufficient guarantee that the metallic tin placed on the market is second to none in

We now hear that the contamination of foreign metals with English black tin was like- | packed had been registered with the Japanese | first part of Article 18 of the Trade-mark Law, ly to deteriorate the quality of the latter and authorities by Lever Brothers, Limited, Eng. and those under the category of the second lead to the detriment of the English mining | and, before April 1906, for the purpose of re- | group, also belonging to defendants, must be industry, but we are prepared to hold our own serving exclusive use of their product termed destroyed in accordance with the second part by unfounded have been made by Japanese tered. They form a conspicuous feature all and maintain that Straits tin has never mas- [ " Capitol" soap. quended or attempted to do so in opposition to or competition with any other class of tin. The quality of the metallic tin produced here has case, as appearing in the minutes of the pre- being liable to confiscation, shall be returned derivatives of objum are subject to the same not, so far, been, equalled. The tin produced liminary examination, that he received, between to their respective owners. by the merchants' refineries in Penang and the 10th March or April 1906 and January 1907. The judgment is signed by Judge Shimada Singapore, can also claim that quality is the orders from a man named Shimomura, lodging Telsukichi, presiding Judge Mitsuda Kwanichi tin is a well-known factor in the metal market.

A Toxio message to the Mainichi states that a them from the said Shimomura and the wife of number of leading business men who are con- | the defeadant, and also that the boxes (scized) nected with the Chambers of Commerce inauthorised the importation by certain dis- | tend to visit some of the representative merchants in China next spring for the purpose of improving the commercial relations between the two countries and to remove the Chinese misunderstandings regarding the Japanesa. In A little opium is grown in the north of Siam. I this connection, they held a meeting at the and consumed by the cultivators. It is illegal Tokio Chamber of Commerce recently when Industrial Bureau of the Department of Agri-

and expression his views on the proposal

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS:

The fourth annual children's sports under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club were held at King's Park last Sunday, and proved, as in former years, a decided success. This foregathering of children promoted by Kowloon's premier cricket club has come to be a popular affair, and rightly so, when it is considered how many little hearts are gladdened by the good things which each of them has an equal chance of winning. There was a record attendance of members and their friends, who came to see the little ones vying with one another in healthy rivalry for the afternoon's honours. The grounds were prettily decorated with flags of many nations, and added additional colourto the vivid costumes of the fair sex. The weather" was delightful, the sky being almost cloudless blue. Shortly before the conclusion of the sports, and while the events were still in progress, a few bars "the National Anthem appounced the arrival of H. E. the Governor and suite, who remained interested spectators of the rest of the proceedings. It was extremely unfortunate that Lady Lugard, who was to have presented the prizes, had unavoidably to be absent through indisposition, as, as His Excellency himself had stated, if there was one event in the year which Lady Lugard would not wish to miss, it was the annual children's sports. The occasion was shorn of much of its telat which would otherwise have invested it by the absence of Lady Lugard's genial personality, especially after her protracted absence in the homeland. By kind permission of the Officers, the Band of the 105th Mahrattas enlivened the proceedings

with the following selections of music:-March......Salute the Standard ..... Safronic 'wo Stepharrow Clorinda, grand con Ming. · Caprice .... The Whister and His Dog ..... Preor. Galop ....Zikoff. The following attractive programme was got

up, and supplied great fun to the children and spectators alike:-Boys' Events;-Potato Race; Dressing Race; Cock Fight; Obstacle Race; Flat Race; Egg and Spoon Race; Tug-of-Wer; Flat Race

Victoria Cross Ruce; Flat Race; Flat Race; Wheelbarrow Race. Girls' Events. - Flat Race; Skipping Race Post Box Race: Skipping Competition: Flat Race : Obstacle Race; Skipping Competition; Flat Race: Egg and Spoon Race; Flat Race

Flat Race; Clothes-Hanging Race. There was also a Boys' and Girls' Whistling At the conclusion of the Sports, H.E. the Governor presented the prizes to the successful

competitors. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded His Excellency and three cheers and a "tiger" for Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard brought the proceedings to a close.

VIOLATION OF TRADE-MARK.

"EEVER'S "CAPITOL" TOILET SOAP.

DECISION OF THE TOKYO CHIHO SAIBANPHO.

the Trade-mark Law against Miki Yataro, a soap manufacturer, No. 7, Matsukura-cho. I. chome, Nonjo, Tokyo, and Sekiguchi Shiroki- | this case amicably out of Court, to which he chi, a scap-dealer, No. 1,524. Kamedo-cho. Minami Katsushika district, Tokyo-fu, now residing at No. 14. Kami Heivenion-cho. Asakusa, Tokyo, the Court, in conjunction with Procurator Miura Eigoro, has decided as

The defendant Miki Yataro is ordered to pay a fine of Y100 and the defendant Sekiguchi is comply with the request. At the beginning of acquitted as innocent.

REASONS FOR JUDGMENT.

Lever Brothers, Limited, of Port Sunlight, county of Chester, England, registered, with the object of reserving, exclusive use in Japan for themselves, at the Japanese Patent Bureau, before April 1906, a trade-mark composed of an oblong rectangle in which is printed in English the word "Capitol," for the purpose of denoting soaps, designed " Capital, soaps," which are manufactured by the company. On the soaps themselves the same trade-mark and the words "Lover Brothers, Limited, Port Sunlight," in English, are impressed, while on the wrappers of the scaps and also on the labels pasted on the oblong boxes in which the soaps are packed appear the same words in the same style as the impression on the soap. In this way the company has been practically using the trademark. without obtaining the permission-of Leve

Knowing this fact the defendant Miki Yatare Brothers, manufactured what he called " Capitol Soap " between April 10th, 1906, and January 1908, at the address mentioned, using on the soap the registered trade-mark belonging to the English firm. The impression was made by means of a brass mould which was scized) the cakes of soap were packed wrappers and boxes identical in appearance with those used by the English firm. Delendant packed and dressed his soap in the same way as genuine Capitol soap is packed, and within the period named sold 5,441 boxes of the soap to Tanaka Eitarc, No. 22 Shin-Matsuyamacho, Asakusa, Tokyo, also to a man whose name and address are unknown, and 'also to the defendant Sekiguchi Shirokichi. He furthermore sold to the defendant Sekiguchi during the period from April 10th to October 1906, 100 dozen of the cakes of soap unpacked; In this way the defendant Miki, with the intention of pursuing this course uninterrupted for the period named, infringed the registered trade-mark belonging to the English firm.

The facts cited above are borne out-(1) By the deposition before this Court of the defendant Miki, which is congruous ant Sekiguchi Shirokichi shall be acquitted in with the facts of the case quoted in the indement, with the exception of the fact that he had full knowledge that the trade-mark used on the soap manufactured by him and the boxes and wrappers in which the soap-was

first consideration. The hall mark of Straits at the house of the defendant Miki and his wife, for 4,280 soap-nicking boxes, and subsequently received the purchase-money for

had been manufactured at his house. (1) By the statements of witness Kitamura Kikujim in the preliminary examination to the effect that in the middle of March 1906, a man and producing an imported some requested altered to a flower basket. The witness mant I Shoughot Times.

factured the moulds as ordered in the latter part of March 1906, and delivered them to Shimomura: the moulds (suized), fifteen in number, had been manufactured by him (witusss) and delivered.

(4) By the statement of witness Kitano Choku in the preliminary examination, to the effect that towards the end of Feb. mary 1906 one Shimomura, living with the defendant Miki, came to his house with samples of imported soap-boxes and wrappers and ordered him to print 4,000 labels on boxes and 12,000 wrappers with a design identical with that on the samples in all details with the exception of the animals, which were to be changed into a flower basket. The order was executed. Subsequently, in the middle of September 1907, he received a further order for a similar number of labels, and wrappers, and the bills were paid by Shimomura and the defendant Miki. Witness added that the printed matter (soized) had been printed by him.

(5) By the statement of Shimomura Keinosuke in the preliminary examin tion to the effect that he was in the employ of the defendant Miki from October 14th, 1905, to the present (March 26th, 1907) at a monthly remuneration of Y10, on the understanding that he should receive to per cent of the net profit on the soap business at the expiration of every six months (July and December).

(6) By the statement of witness Tanaka Elsabure in the preliminary examination to the bilect that between April 4th, 1907, and Junuary 20th, 1908, he had purchased from the defendant Miki 2.212 boxes of soap called "Flowerbasket Capitol Soap "at 56 sen (?) per box, and that the fourteen boxes of soap (seized) were identical with those he had pur based from the defendant Miki. \_(7) By the statement of the defendant

Sekiguchi in this Court that he had purchased toan from the defendant Miki during the period | ed on intimidating merchants who were and at the place quoted in the judgment.

(8) By the statement in the declaration made by the complainant firm against the defendant Miki to the effect that the defendant, without obtaining the approval of the complainant, was selling soap under the cover of 'de trade mark the right to use which exclusively in Japan belonged to the complainant company.

(9) By the st\_tement of witness Iwata Kyugoro in the \_reliminary examination to the effect that he was an employe of I da Salasuke. a spap dealer, of Osaka. In March or Apri 1906 he visited the house of the defendant Miki for the purpose of purchasing, soaps, when he was shown some soaps with the trade-mark held by Lever Brothers, Limited. He ther pointed out to the defendant that the trademark on the "Capitol soap" had been regis tered by the English firm, so that it could not he used by anyone else without obtaining the firm's consent. He further cautioned the delendant to refrain from using the trade-mark in question. 'On hearing this, the defendant affirmed that he did not know the fact. He was manufacturing the soaps without any malicious intention.

(10) By the statement of the defendant Sekiguchi in the preliminary examination to the effect that after the criminal action had been instituted by Lever Brothers, Limited (since January 18th, 1908) he told the defendant Miki that he (Sekiguchi) had learned that the trademark on the "Capitol soap", had already been registered by Lever Brothers, Limited.

(11) By the statement of witness Takema Shinazo in the picliminary examination that he had been required by the two defendants to On examination of the charge of violation of | negotiate on their behalf a peaceful settlement of the trouble. He accordingly wrote to lide | Sadasuke, of Osaka, and asked him to settle received the reply from Iida that his employé Iwata had recently visited Tokyo and informed the defendant Miki that the trade-mark in question was already registered by Lever Brothers, Limited. Despite this the defendant Miki continued to manufacture the imitation It was therefore impossible for him (lida) to February 1906 witness sammoned the two defendants to his house and told, them that they had already been warned against their action. The defendant Sekiguchi asked Miki whether te had been warned, and the latter decied having received such warning, though hethought that Iwata had come from Osaka and made

mention of the matter. (12) By the statement contained in the Trade nark Gazette, No.-462, to the effect that the trade-mark used by Lever Brothers, Limited for their soaps, which was cited in the judgment, was registered at the Patent Bureau on September 21st, 1905.

(13) By the "Capitol" roaps and the trademark on their wrappers and hoxes, which were used by the defendant Miki. In considering the law on this point, the

Court finds that the action of the defendant Miki renders him liable under Clause I of Ar. ticle 16 of the Trade mark Law, No. 38 of 1899, and he is sentenced to pay a fine of Y100 as mentioned.

The facts in the charge against the defendant Sekiguchi Shirokichi are that between November 1906 and January 1907, knowing that the trade-mark used on the soaps called."Capitol manufactured by Lever Brothers, Limited; was registered with the Japanese Government, he manufactured, in conjunction with the defendant Miki, a quantity of soap, impressed it with the same appellation and trade-mark, packed it in 2,472 boxes together with 100 dozen of the soap bought from the defendant Miki, the wrappers and boxes being identical in design with those used by Lever Brothers. Limited, and further sold over 4,400 boxes to several persons between about April 1906 and January 1907 All these facts, with the exception that he had knowledge of the registration, by Lever Brothers, Limited, of the trade-mark, have been substantiated by statements made by him in this Cobrt. But the evidence is insufficient to prove beyond doubt that the defendant had knowledge that the frade-mark in cutation was registered by Lever Brothers, imited. The Court, therefore, has decided that the defendaccordance with Articles 236 and 214 of the

Code of Criminal Procedure. Of the articles seized, those under the category of the first group, as belonging to defendants, are confiscated in accordance with the of the same Article of the Trade-mark Law, as gorp in the preliminary examination of this those under the category of the third group, not

and Judge Miyagi Hyogoro.

A NOW DOCKYARD

.The Viceroy of Hupeh; H. E. Chan Kuei-

THE BANISHMENT ORDERS. HONGKONG AND THE BOYCOTT. Japanese: Criticisms.

A very unfortunate state of things appears to

prevail at Hongkong, where the Government has come into collision with the more influential Chinese by action taken as the result of the recent boycott riots. What actually caused those riots is still a mystery. To the outside phserver the incident appears like a sudden outburst of popular feeling without any special cause to provoke it, but this is merely a confession of ignorance; it means that the causes are unknown, for it is difficult to believe that a more or less ignorant populace should have suddenly decided, without some exciting cause, that the boycott against the Japanese must be enforced by a display of antipathy to merchants who were believed to be secretly breaking the compact not to deal in Japanese goods. In Japan it has been said that the strange recrudescence of the boycott, at a time when it seemed to be dying down, was caused by the injudicious speech of a Japanese professor in Tokyo, who, addressing a number of Chinese students, aspersed Chinese character and Chinese manners and customs, with the result that the students sent a copy of the speech to the leaders of the boycott movement in Hongkong. That this was an exciting cause of the riot appears unlikely, for if there were any special justification of such a character to produce the disturbance there can be no doubt that it would have been made public. In the lack of any special cause for the outbreak that could be attributed to the Japanese, and thus in a way efford a justification, the explanation probably is that the leaders of the boycott, finding that lit was gradually weakening in force, determining a public demonstration of antipathy. What gives support to this theory is that no demonstration was made against the Japanese in cause for the action taken.

that the Government of Hongkong has come to the persons suspected was difficult if not impossible, and the Government thereupon l determined to avail itself of a weapon in its hands the use of which has previously been reserved for protection of the colony against the criminal classes. By virtue of the powers conferred upon him, the Governor of Hongkong can order the deportation or banishment of any person without giving reason therefor save the minimenance of the pubhe had gone too far, and the case of the Editor | the fishes of the Indian Archipelago, belong to of the Sheung-po was re-considered, with the | the equatorial region, differing but slightly result that the order of deportation was can- from the Atlantic equatorial fishes. Of Mala-

Unfortunately, the mischief was already order in the case of the man who showed with innumerable shallow streams fringe the and may have had some hand in instigating | fishes get entangled when the tide is in and reagainst British merchants and British trade: one to three tons burden. They are pulled by ed by the deportations at Hongkong.

in a very difficult position. Accusations whole the sea is rich in fish, and they are well shelnewspapers egainst British merchants at through the Archipelago where the coast is (2) By the statements of witness Ota Masu. they are inseparable from the trade-mark, while Hongkong for instigating the boycott—accusa. shallow: tions which have been stated by the Japanese | There are eighty genera of shore-fish in the Consul there to be without foundation, and it Indo-Pacific region only-their scientific names may be that the Hopgkong Government be- can be read by those who like. The herrings came convinced that its duty was to show in lare regular denizens of this region ; horse macsome decided manner that the British authori- kerel are favourite articles of food : thirmen ties had no sympathy with the boycott against species of caranx were to be seen in the marthe Ispanese and would employ all the resour- kets of Peneng the tunnies, ikan tinggirl ces within its power against Hongkong papan; are favourite articles of food, and he being made a basis of poperations. does not remember ever seeing a fish market As we showed in the case of the boy- in which tunder and other members of the cott against Americans, and more recently as | mackerel family were hot the principal fishes regards the boycott sgainst Japanese, the use offered for sale. But it is not easy to pick out of such a weapon inflicts almost as much in- from the fish-author, souteness palatable to the lung, proposes to construct a dockyard at jury upon its wielder as upon its victims, ordinary taste. The new Guide to the Zoologinamed Kitamura, residing in the house of the Pehshi Chow, Wuchang; to build men of war | But Governments, with every will to prevent cal Collections of the Museum has a short defendant Miki, came to the house of witness for the Yangizekiang Squadron; and to build the use of abuse of the weapon, are power- chapter on fishes, but a visit to the new collecand repair vessels for the steamship companies. less against exclusive dealing. They can tion, which is properly labelled with the scienhim to make brase moulds identical with the He has, with that object in view deputed Fu intervene to prevent or punish illegal acts tific, Malay and English mames whenever possible intervene to proved intimide albie, will prove bleresting, apart from the big with the exception of the lion and horse em: to Foochow to juspect the dock there and to tion; they cannot compal merchants to buy or whale akaleton, and the other large specimens. bracing which portion of the design was to be i investigate their mothods and expenditure. deal is goods produced by a particular in of fish now mounted. W. M. in State pere dividual or nation. The entire taken by the Free

Government of Hongkong in Itsuing these deportation orders seems to us unwise, especially in view of the fact that they are based not on proved complicity in acts of violence or intimidation, but on mere susplcion. Not only will the boycott not be checked by such methods, but it will obtain a new lease of life and possibly extend its area of operations. The boycott was declared in retaliation: for what the Chinese believed an act of injustica committed by Japan in the matter of the Tairsmars ; it will not be brought to an end by giving cause for the hot-bloods of the Self-Government Society to denounce the injunice of Great Britain. Time and patience, with stern enforcement of the law against overt acts of violence, we believe to be the only remedies for a state of things which does harm to the best interests of both China and Japan.—Japan Chronicia.

#### STRAITS PISHBS

One of the delights of living down at Katong, before it became so townified, was to go out in the early morning and see the fishermen draw their nets... The curious nature of many of the fish caught, the almost impossible lity of getting the Chinese fishermen to give any information, and the fact that all the catch was already sold to the fish ring (the owners of the boats and the employers of the men) added a rest to the inquiries. The fish market, if one can get up early enough, is a place of great interest, although the average man, concerned only from a non-scientific point of view, is sgain left, in endenyouring to recognise the varieties, vivid in colouring and quaint in shape that are there I to be seen.

Fortunately the curious in this matter will as time goes on, have a better opportunity of I making acquaintance with "the finny denizens" supsected of breaking the compact by organis- \_\_sounding but incorrect phrase-in the Raffins Museum. In the fish-room two cases are being devoted to mounted fish, and those already there are worth examination. See the fish in Hongkong, as would almost certainly have the water at Raffles Light, vividly coloured and been the case if the Japanese had given any in swarms shooting over the coral bottom near the Pier, best at low-water, and it is very differ-It would appear in the light of these facts | ent to seeing the fish brought to land even fresh on the sand, and even more so than a few hours to the conclusion that the riot was the work of | later, when they are merely damp unpleasant the leaders of the boycott movement, who were corpses. Dr. Hanitich, the Director of the morally, if not legally, responsible for what | Museum, is working on a different tack, now. occurred. To bring home the responsibility | The actual fish are taken, skinned and preserved, and then carefully coloured so that the fleeting tints and gorgoous markings may be preserved, as nearly as possible to the original. as skilful work will permit. The silvery gleam is difficult to get, but one of the Museum assistants has a pretty taste that way—the coloured models of fruit cast from "life" and tinted to original are his work. The fish, thus mounted and coloured, make quite a good show already. There are porcupite fish, the globes, which lic peace, nor has the person banished blowthemselves up, the coffer or trunk fishes, somay remedy, for an appeal to the Courts called from their curious four-sidedness, parott could only result in the endorsement of the fishes of the most beautiful colours and a Governors action under the powers conferred | beak that looks as if it could crack many upon him. Hitherto we believe the power has | dead dut, the sucking fish, with a curious upbeen exercised only in the case of Chinese side down look, and a mouth at the top. our who have come into the colony for a criminal old friend the ikan merah, also as ikan hijau. purpose, and who, after conviction and impri- a species with a sharp thorn stuck at the botsomment, have been banished. Even so it is tom of the gill, another most brilliantly coloured provided in the Hongkong Charter that "the | with a dorsal fin that flies away like a crest Governor shall, in up case, except when the leather, and a score of others. Many of these offence has been of a political nature unaccom- fish have come from Mr. H. C. Clarke, the papied by any other grave crime make it a con- | Municipal Inspector of Markets, who is always dition of any pardon or remission of sentence on the look-out, and has presented many strikthat the offender shall be banished from, or ling specimens. His colleague Mr. de Mello. shall absent himself or be removed from, the has also presented some, while Dr. Lim Boon colony. It would seem from this clause that Keng always seems to keep his eye onwhile banishment cannot be substituted for a spreimens of interest to the Muleum. Dr. T. penalty in a criminal case, it may be so sub- I l. Rowell, C M.C., Principal Officer, made a stituted where the offence is political. In con- | collection of fish in 1883-7 and some of these." sequence of the recent boycott riots the Gov- although long ago faded out of their natural ernor has brought into operation the powers colours, can be utilised for the now collection. conferred upon him, and without any form of It must have been about this lime that the trial or open inquiry has banished several in- Rev. J. E. Tenison-Woods, vice-president of fluential Chinese merchants and two editors | the Linnean Society, New South Wales, paid of vernacular papers on charges of inciting a visit to the Straits, and the result of his visit the riot, Included among those ordered to was No. 1 of Malaysian Essays, "The Fisheries; be deported were a piece-goods merchant of the Oriental Region" printed at Sydney, and an insurance broker in the employ our copy being marked "presented by the of a prominent British firm. It is scarcely Government of the Straits Settlements, for necessary to say that the action of the review." Fancy a Government sanctioning the Governor has aroused intense indignation word "Malaysian," Mr. Woods pamphlet. among the Chinese in Hongkong, and has however, has a good deal of interesting matter been viewed with grave misgiving by Bri- in it, although a trifle too diffuse from a tish merchants, while the China Association scientific point of view. He also goes a has made a representation to the authorities on little astray in his Malay, but has much to the subject. One of the journalists ordered to say about "belachan," and in a note at the be deported, the Editor of the Sheung po, dis- and identifies this concoction of pounded tributed a manifesto scathingly denouncing shrimps with the intense smell, as the sauce. the authorities who babished Chinamen with- or pickle frequently mentioned in Pliny as out granting them a hearing. The ma- garos, from which he deduces that the Malay nifesto deprecated the restriction of in- word garum, from the Sanscrit "sars," is dividual liberty, and warned the Chinese | the same word used by the socient Greek. of the insecurity of investing capital in Hong- and Roman writers. It would be a striking while they were subject to sum- testimony to blacken if it could be proved that mary deportation. After taking legal advice, this toothsome delicacy was world-known in the Editor of the Sheung po declined to leave the fifth century. Mr. Tenison Woods gives the colony, preferring to be arrested and some account of the fish industries, points out brought before a Court in order to force the that the fishermen and fishmongers of the East bearing of his case. By this time the Governor | are Chinese, that one-tenth of the population would seem to have come to the opinion that of China dervives its support from fishing; that

van fisheries he says :\_-The coasts of the Straits of Malacca, whether done, and perhaps even more bitterness on the Sumatran or Malayan sides, are extremewas caused by the caucellation of the ly low and shallow. Large mangrove swamps: fight and persistence and its enforcement shores. Vessels of even moderate draught in the case of influential merchants who must anchor a long way out. Sometimes. had invested their capital in the colony where the coast is scarcely visible, one meets but were ordered to leave at brief notice. The | a succession of bamboo fences, which are fish-Self-Government Society of Canton, which was ling stakes or fish traps of clumsy construction. responsible in the first place for the boycott They are closely, woven labyrinths in which the the riot, took up the matter of their compa- main until the men come to make them captive. triots and a hostile feeling began to be, shown. The fishing boats, of frail construction, vary from Just at this moment occurred the unfortunate | oars, and soldon curry sails, so that they do incident on the British steamer Falskan, where | not venture far from shore. The nets are made a Chinese was alleged to have died as the re- of twine tanned with mangrove bark. The sult of a kick from a Portuguese ticket-col- meshes are not constructed as in Europe, being lector." As the result of an inquiry at the Bri- knotted in a different way, with a fastening that tish Consulate at Canton, it was shown that the slips and often allows fish to escape. The fishman died from natural causes and not from ling stakes requirevery little trouble, and contriviolence, but the Chinese are not satisfied, and bute largely to the take. They answer well the incident has added fuel to the flame caus- enough in fine weather, and there is seldom anything class in the Straits of Malacca. ... The Undoubtedly the Hongkong authorities are traps are neither ingenious nor durable, but

#### Echo from the Past. DASTARDLY MURDER RECALLED. SUSPECT ARRESTED AT TAIPO AFTER THREE YEARS' HUNT.

Most people in Hongkong, or at least the majority of them, are of opinion that when a crime is committed in their midst and the police, for the time being; are unable to bring the perpetrators to book, they abandon the "chase" altogether. This allegation we hasten to contradict. Some three years ago two men and a boy, some fourteen years of age, were done to death in a most cruel fashion on the hillside near Shatin. As it will be remembered there was not a single clue left for the police to act on; but did they not succeed in getting the desperadoes and during the trial adduce sufficient evidence to warrant their conviction? We could bring forward numerous other cases, illustrating clever police work, but we will content ourselves with dealing with a more recent

oun 31d February, 1906-very nearly two years ago a most shocking tragedy was committed in the New Territories, A young Singuporcan, then second excise officer of the Omum Farm, by name Chau Beng Chan, was loully murdered by a gang of armed men, in his matshed at Taipo.

It was reported at the time that during the enjye four of the morning a party of armed robbers entered the matshed of the deceased, whom, by their noise, they awoke; when ou Moian disturbed in their depredations they tura di on him and after a very evident struggle between deceased alone and his assailants, he was overpowered, and after disembowelling him and ocarly severing his right atm from the trunk they made off without taking anything out of the matshed.

The circumstances pointed to the robbers having either been disturbed in their heinous work or frightened in some way; for, notwithstanding the fact that they had already slain their victim and prepared a bundle of loot to carry away, that bundle was not removed, but was found lying on the ground, and inside the matshed, by Bergt. Lander, when he was called to the scene.

It was understood that deceased had previously, been threatened with a violent death and there was no question that the " attempted robbery" was merely a blind, used to draw attention away from those who might be known to have a grudge against the deceased.

It was a significant fact that a couple o days before the murder was committed poless than six native excise officers stationed at Tai Po had resigned giving, as a reason for such action, their fear that trouble was brewing for thom, while at the same time the deceased's chair coolies bolted without giving notice.

Nearly two years had passed since then. The ordinary man-in-the-street and forgotton all about it. But the police had not. For two years and eleven months detectives of the police, deputed to find the murderess, have been or the trail, and last Monday we were given to understand that a suspect had been captured. It will not be for a week or so before the suspect can be placed on trial, and some interesting particulars are surgito be brought to

ADRIET TWELVE DAYS:

-WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER.

Adrift on the high seas without food and water for twelve days, was the experience last month of I. Cobb, a labour contractor in the employ of the Philippine Railway, Company, and 150 native labourers whom he was taking from Cuyoto Hojlo, reports the Manila Cablenerus of 1st, inst. Starting at Cuyo'carly in December on the lorcha Horlensia in tow of a launch, the line parted in a storm and the party was driven to the west coast of Mindauno, all alive but

started from Cuyo in how of launches. The first forcha was also adrift, but reached Hoilo December 6. They were out of rations and had been hungry for half a day. They reported that the other lorchaywith Mr. Cobb and party and left at the same time and could not be found.

The railroad officials took prompt action. assisted by Mr. de la Rama, who dispatched the launch Cosmopolity the following mording with rice on board. The launch headed toward Cuyo, but failing to connect with the lost lorchd, returned to Hoilo that night.

A second and whird attempt was made to reach the storm tossed party, expeditions being made as far south as the Cagayanes Islands and to the south west coast of Negros, but no trace of the lorcha could be found.

When Mr. Cobb and his men were just about given up for lost, a telegram reached floile on Christmas Eve from him. It was from Dumaguete and was to the effect that a landing was made a few days before on the west coast of Mindanao. Ail were famished and exhausted. After a short period of recuperation the party marched to Dapitan, reaching there Decem-.ber 23," according to a telegram from con-

stabulary authorities. As soon as, his telegram was received at Iloilo, Purchasing Agent Theobald Dichl, in the absence of Mr. Harris, made arrangements for a special steamer, wired the district governor at Danitau to make the labourers as comfortable as possible, and authorized Mr. Fleischer, a merchant of Dumaguete, to advance

Proo for the subsistence of the Inbourers. Arrangements were made at once with Mr. de la Rama to send the Cosmopolita to tow the lorchs and men to Iloilo. The men are now in Iloilo none the worse for their thrilling experience and prolonged fash, and will be ready to go to work with the dawn of the new year.

"PAINLESS" SUICIDE,

SHANGHAILANDER'S FUTILE ATTEMPT TO END HIS DAYS.

A northern Chinaman, by name Tsui Lo Shipg, a gold gilder by trade, made a mos desperate, though futile, attempt, to commit suicide on New Year's moon. Tsui Lo Shing came to Hongkong from Shanghai about a week | \$1,728 worth of clothing, and with being in ago, as he could not get suitable employment." which seemed to worry him, he decided to take | It was stated by the Attorney General, with the "plunge".

Arming himself with a rope, Tsui walked all the way from Wanchai to Bonham Road, where | siding at 59, Wing Lok Street. On the night he picked out a quiet spot, there to end his of the 7th November he and his family went to miserable life. He clambered up the hill- bed on the first floor, and when he (the blackside, facing the Diocesan Home, and, ad- smith) awake in the morning he discovered that justing the cord around his neck, which, by four out of cleven of the boxes were missing. the way, was protected by a handkerchief, Of course, the matter was reported to the Tsul hauted himself up a tree—the one police and the prisoners were arrested by a nearest the roadside, Fastening the other end of the rope to a branch, he released his in their possession. The Attorney General rehold and dropped. An Indian policeman heard | marked that the blacksmith heard no noise bls grouns, and spotting the suspended body from the road, ran up and cut the mae down. It would seem that Tsui had been hanging windows open, suggested that the prisoners had there for some time, because when he was entered by that way, taken down it needed a great deal of resuscitation before he could be brought round. He indictment, but were found guilty after a trial was sent to the hospital for examination, and last Monday morning appeared in the Police Court to be bound over to keep the peace. Taul swaars he is going back to his mative country, H. E. Craddock, E. A. Kennedy and H. J. Vanwhere the climate is more spitable to his tem-

#### Murderers Doomed.

SHA-TAU-KOK TRAGEDY RECOUNTED.

CAUGHT IN CHINESE TERRITORY AND TO BE BEHEADED.

The curtain falls over the scene of the Sha-

tau-kok murder mystery. . Four men, who were arrested on the Chinese borders, in connection with this tragedy, were hailed before the Namhoi magistrate and tried After lengthy evidence had been led by those who had been on the scene at the time, the quartette were found guilty and sentenced to be beheaded.

Sha-tau-kok, as it is commonly "called, Sha-teu-kok, as it appears on the map, village on the mainland near Starling Inlet, i Mirs Bay. The population is very small and made up chiefly of fishermen.

-Standing on the high road, a few minutes walk from the village, is a little mud-house which lived a middle-aged man, his wife and an only child, and they carned their living by selling tes and cakes to wayfarers. It was in this little but that the dastardly murders were enacted. Early on a November morning the master of the ton shop set out to walk to fai Po to transact some business there, leaving his wife and child to look after the snop, which they had done on many occasions in his absence. That robbers had got wind of the shopkeeper's intend! ed visit to Tai Po, and that they had planned to loot the premises while he was away was known only to them.

When the robbery was committed, whether in the day or at night, is not known. It is believed, however, that they forced an entrance into the shop and proceeded to carry out their plan. It can be supposed, in the absence any eye-witnesses, that the woman on, finding the men in the house and, knowing the purpose of their visit, yelled for help, while the child began to cry. The robber, it is to be assumed, threatened them to be quiet, but as the order seemed to have been disregarded. the mother and her child were seized, thrown to the floor, while the robbers proceeded to tie pieces of rags round their necks, the idea being to stop any further calls for assistance—thus. strangling their victims. Something like \$85 in money and goods were removed from the shops. On leaving, the murderers closed the door carefully behind them in order that they may hide their tracks before the discovery was

The shopkeeper returned to Sha-tau-kok some time the following day and was thunderstruck to find the shop closed. He pushed open the door to find out the cause-and the tragedy was known. "There on the floor were the corpses of his wife and child. In the next few minutes the whole village was thrown into a state of excitement. The Shadau-kok police were informed and after the necessary inspection the remains were sent to Kowloon for

examination. Soon after the murders had been committed. detectives got on the trail of the murderers and tracked them to the borders of the British territory. By this time the Chinese authorities had been apprised of the matter, which resulted in their capture, and subsequent conviction.

KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY

HEAVY SENTENCES.

The trial of the three men who committed the daring robbery on the 21st November last at No. 37, Kowlood City Road, came to a conclusion at the Supreme Court last Monday. The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) presided, while the following jury was empanell ed :-- Messrs. II. T. Richardson, S. J. Fenton, B. Swait, R. Abraham, E. Raymond, G. K.

Haxton and R. Aitken. woke nition the moraing in question and was surprised to find'a man sitting on top of hera He seized her by the throat and pointed a knife at her. She was toorfrightened at the time to remember exactly what look place elier

Honorato Martin, a gate-keeper of the Kowloop Dock, said that at 7.20 a.m. that morning. he was walking along the Kowloon City Road, when he saw the first delendant coming from No. 37, and going towards Hunghom Market. The man was arrested at the latter place by an Indian constable and taken back to No. 37. soner and produce two pieces of wood with

Li Chau said he lived at No. 37 with the woman witnesses. 'He had left the house carly that morning, but in consequence of information received, he returned to the house, when he saw the first accused at the loot of the staircase in charge of an Indian constable. He saw his sister bleeding in the breast, whom he attended. He was afterwards handed two

After further evidence was taken, the prisoners treated the Court to a surprise by, confessing that they did commit the robbery -but did not carry any knives. The third defendant "went one better by telling the Court with smiling face that when they what to the house with an intention to robbery, they expected, to find the inmates sound asteep, but on seeing them wide-awake, they had to decamp.

His Lordship said that on the face of the interesting statements made, he would not trouble the jury with any reference to the facts of the case. On a unanimous verdict of guilty being recorded, the liest and second prisoners were sentenced to five years' hard labour, while the third received seven years' hard labour.

CLOTHES SIBALERS PONISHED

THREE YEARS' HARD LABOUR EACH.

Li Chan and Kwan Ting, coolies, figured in the Criminal Sessions, which resumed last Lionday (the Chief Justice presiding) charged with stealing four pigskin boxes containing possession of stolen property.

whom was Mr. Dennys, of the Crown Solicitor's office, that the prosecutor was a blacksmith relukong in Graham Street with the pawntickets when his effects were being stolen, and the very fact that he and his family went to bed with the

The prisoners pleaded "not guilty" to the and sentenced to three years' hard labour each. The jury, which comprised Messrs. H. Git tins (foremen), A. Morfey, J. Dickie, G. Rapp. WHE DRIEGE AL ELTER ADOVA.

#### Matsheds on Fire.

SERIOUS EXPLOSIONS AT HUNGHOM.

SIX' SHEDS DESTROYED AND DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT . \$10,000.

Last evening, as we'were going to press, the news reached us of a serious fire which had broken out across the "water...but owing to the late Hour we were unable to obtain any detailed particulars beyond reporting briefly the fact of the outbreak in our last issue. The fite, and a serious one it was, too, broke

out, as stated last evening, in a matshed, which was occupied, by, the contracting firm of Messrs. Kang On and Company, at as follows :-Hunghom West. News of the outbreak was telephoned to headquarters shortly before five o'clock, and immediately the entire fire fighting force of the Colony was called out," with Chief Inspector Baker in command.

The matthed in which the fire broke of was situated in Des Vœux.Road, immediatel opposite the old cattle depot. On the right were five other matsheds, owned by the same contractor, and which were used to store railway stores, which also included a large quantity of dynamite for blasting purposes.

When the firemen reached the scene, the matsheds presented the appearance of an immense furnace, and what with the crackling of the dry hamboos and palm leaves, and the occasional explosions from the dynamite, which was to be heard some distance away, the picture was a lurid one indeed. The firemen, who were aided by a number of Europeans from the Kowloon Docks, Indian soldiers, in charge of their officers, and several European civilians, made a strong fight to subdue the now increas ing flames, which, according to an eye-witness. leapt to a height of over a hundred feet.

Only two hydrants were in use, and notwith standing the fact that the force of water was good, four lengths of hose were not sufficient to do much good, especially when the tenements in the neighbourhood were in danger. The fire-float, however, arrived in the nick of-time, and its powerful pumps were put to the test.

In little or no time, so to speak, the matsheds were razed to the ground and the fire. still burning fiercely, spread to a timber yard, setting fire to a number of logs. The fact that the wind suddenly veered to a favourable direction set aside all anxiety, as it drove the fire away from the neighbouring dwellings to a vacant piece of ground.

At about eight o'clock the indications were that the fire was under control, and at nine o'clock the last fireman was permitted to leave his post, the fire having been extinguished, except for a smouldering heap, which was soon attended to.

The origin-of the fire is still a mystery, and, is occupying the attention of the police. The damage done is estimated at about \$10,000, and is not covered by insurance.

#### SHANGHAI AIRSHIP.

The N. C. D. News, 28th uit., says:-That portion of the community which gave itself up to recreation or merely exercise on the afternoon of Christmas Day was not a little surprised to see an airship making its way, not altogether willingly as far as could be judged, in a northerly direction. So many weeks have clapsed since an ascent of Captain Price's airship was first promised to an expectant public that the possibility of an actual flight had been almost overlooked. Captain Price. however, having once made the mistake, to which all enthusiasis are prone, of discounting material obstacles to the carrying out of carefulv calculated theories, had learned his lesson Li. Yut, one of the women inmates of and had been quietly devoting himself to Two lorchas, each carrying 256 labourers, No. 37 Kowloon City Road, stated that she preparing his airship for a trial ascent without public announcement. On previous occasions lation. It is said that in some places 80% of first trip," it had been found impossible to inflate her inctime for an ascent during the hours of daylight. Faulty generators and inferior acid were, according to Captain Price, to blame. It was also found that the balloon envelope leaked badly in spite of the six coatings of varnish on the Chefoo silk. Repairs were made and on two occasions the nirship was ready for an ascent, but climatic conditions were unfavourable. On Christ- the year 1897 should amount to 20 million tacls Witness saw inspector Watt search the price gun; but it was found that there was not enough hydrogen available to give the airship owing to the various provincial leaks and the requisite lifting power. In these circumstances Captain Price's assistant, a man of lighter build, volunteered to make the ascent, and the Messenger left Chang Sucho's Garden shortly after 2 p.m. Misfortune. however, dogged its path, for almost immediaand the airship became a mere non-dirigible so, than any money profit received. balloon. The wind carried it, at varying altiknives, one by his wife and the other by his, tudes, in the direction of Woosung, and ultimately the aeronaut was compelled to let out the gar and descended near a Chinese village some ten mites away. While he was engaged in making arrangements for the transport of the airship back to Shanghai, Chinese curiosity or mania for curio-hunting prompted the spectators to make off with most of the framework, which had been damaged by the fall, and to test the workmanship of the balloon by inserting knives into the silk. Ul timately, towards 3 a.m. the tenant airship returned to head-quarters on the shoulders of fourteen coolies. General sympathy will be felt with Captain Price in his missortune: but. doubtless, he will be well advised to postpone. as he intends, a further flight for some months until he has perfected his vessel. The ascent on Friday of the Messenger shows that Captain Price has an airship in posse, and renders pardonable the enthusiasm which led him to advertise prematurely its capabilities. The money already spent on the ship amounts, we understand, to a good round sum, but Captain

FIRE IN ZOKYO.

Price should be able to count upon being reim-

bursed is soon as it is an airship in case,

"About 7.30 on Tuesday evening, 22nd. ult fixe broke out in the residence, at No. 13, Reinanzaki, Akaraka, Tokyo, of Commander Dougherty, Naval Attaché to the U. S. Embasiy. Fanned by the strong southerly wind prevailing at the time, says the Jopan Gazette, the stames immediately spread in all directions, and the building, a two-storied wooden one covering 40 tsubo, was burnt down, together with a small one-storied house attached to the main building. The fire was got under. control at half-past 8 o'clock. The cause of the outbreak is alleged to have been a stove the bedroom on the second floor. As the location is high, the supply of water was poor. There was great confusion in view of the exi istence in the locality of the U.S. Embassy and the residences of the Resident General and other distinguished persons. Professor Terry's residence was in danger for a time.

The contents of the house of Commander mercial Union Insurance Co. for 1 15,000

#### The Opium Question.

AN EXTREMIST VIEW.

LECTURE BY REV. E. W. TRWING.

We have received a copy, reproduced below of a "lecture on the onium question, by Rev. E. W. Thwing, special secretary of The International Reform Bureau, and Delegate from Hawaii to the Opium Conference,' delivered at a mass meeting of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., held in Canton, Monday, January 4, 1909." The words within inverted commas are as written on the !copy? forwarded to us. It will have been noted in our special telegram from Shanghai yesterday that Hawali has not been invited to the Conference and that the Rev. E. W. Thwing can have no official standing thereat. The text of the lecture as received by us is

OPIUM TRADE TO AMERICA. Twenty years ago I took passage in one of the Pacific Mail boats for America. I was able to leave from Macao, and go on board the steamer by taking a large opium junk which was conveying a cargo of opium out to th steamer, some distance off from Macao. an American. I feel deeply ashamed at thi open violation of the spirit, and possibly the letter, of the Commercial Treaty, between China and the United States, that has been going on for more than twenty years.

That Treaty, signed Nov. 17, 1889, provided in Art. II., that "Citizens of the United States are not to import epium into any open port of China, or transport from one port, to another, or billy or sell opium in any of the open ports of China;" and this also "extends to the vessels owned by the citizens of either power or to foreign vessels employed by them."

Yet it is an open secret in Hongkong, that American ships will clear for Shanghai or Japan and go in Chinese waters to Macao for a cargo of opium. They thus carry on the opium trade in defiance of the spirit of the Treaty and to the shame and injury of the American people. His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador Tang Shao-yi told me in Honolulu. some six weeks ago, that he felt keenly the fact ling to the United States, was carrying a cargo. of opium valued at over a quarter of a million dollars. This Chinese official has been most active in the Anti-Opium measures in China and he hopes that the true friendship of the United States will lead to a hearty co-operation in the prohibiting the opium trade. I feel assured that the people of America are now becoming aroused to the disgrace and the danger of this trade, and that it will soon be stopped, as far as American ships are concerned. except for medical uses. The American passengers on the s.s. Manchurid recently signed the following petition, to the President of the United States, which has been sent to Washington. It was a part of the Thanksgiving exercises held on the s.s. Manchuria.

To the President of the United States, Wash-✓ ington, D. C.

S.S. Manchuria, Nov. 26th, 1908. On the day of National Thanksgiving, as we remember our own blessing of liberty and freedom, we desire that America may continue to be a leader in extending universal peace and happiness- to other nations. In view of the noble efforts of China to secure freedom from opium, and as the use of this drug is increasing to an alarming extent in our own land, we, the who, in their small districts, have hitherto towards the spendy enactment of laws for the cases of infectious disease and deaths among United States may both by example and effort curse of opium.

PRESENT USE OF OPIUM IN CHINA. . It is difficult to know at present how many of the Chinese have acquired the use of opium. Various estimates claim that a moderate figure would be between 10 and 20 % of the total male population, or 21 to 5% of the total popuwhen the Messenger was to have essayed its | the adult males use onium, and at least onetenth of the women. Before the present antiopium campaign bégan, there were over 1.000 registered opium dens in the city of Foochow alone. It is more common than rice. The Chinese often call it the "black rice." It is also estimated that opium costs the people of China-200 millions of dollars per year. Si Robert Hart said that the duty on native opium. at the ordinary tax of 60 taels per nicul, for mas Day a further attempt to inflate it was be- or about 15 million dollars gold. The Government did not get all this money, however,

l saucezes! Every province in China has produced more or less opium. The money profit to the producer, the trader, the officials, and to the Government is the greatest obstacle to its overthrow. But the ruin and misery, brought in the end to tely something wept wrong with the engine all of these parties is far greater, a hundredfold

RESULTS OF OPIUM. .The habit is easily formed but hard to break. It brings its wees to the high officials and to the poorest labourer. Many wealthy families. through this blighting curse, have been brought to extreme poverty. The labouring man who earns from \$4.00 to \$7.00 Mex. per month, will soon spend more than that amount on opium. As a result he will first borrow, then sell to a pawnbroker or others, his clothing, his home, his very wife and children to supply that awful desire for the cursed drug. Many of the dens of vice have received their supply of victims by the help of opium. Many have gone the limit until nothing remains but the craving for that which they cannot supply, and then they turn to the opium to bring them death as their only refuge. The increasing number of opium suicides is new cause for alarm. ...

OPIUM SUICIDES.

A doctor, a resident of Chaotong, in West China, tells of the ruin brought to this country by opinm, He speaks of China as "The Land of Suicides," where there are " 500,000 cases a year." In his letter, published in 1898, he said "In the 30 days, ending June 18th, among the were 19 cases of opium suicide. I have also gathered statistics, given me by missionaries, from five cities :--

1. In a city, in the Province of Yunnan, of 100,000, the cases of opium suicide averaged one a day for 12 months. 2. A city of about 50,000, had 72 cases in one

year to which the missionaries were called. 3. In, a city of 80,000, in the Province of Kucichow, in one year goo cases occurred in which the missionaries' help was sought. (No one knows how many other cases). Right of these cases of opium suicide oc-

curred in one day. 4. In a city of 300,000, in the great province of Szechuan, in one year, the missionaries of two missions there, were asked to save life in 400 cases of opium suicide. I have no record of other missions there. (Szechuan is where the largest amount of opinim is grown.)

5. In the Province of Anhui, the home of Li Hung-chang in a city, of 50,000, Bo cases were brought to the missionaries. Thus in a population of 580,000 more than 1,200 cases of opium suicide occurred in 12 Doughesty were totally destroyed. The furni- months in which the aid of the spissionaries was den Bospu) lound them; gully, and sentenced turn and effects were into ede with the Com- I sought. This was largely in the West where the drag is cheep. On the other hand you

quantities of the drug are exported from these provinces, so that in some other parts of the Empire 80 % of the adult males are users of the drug. (In many places also one-tenth of the women use opium.) There are also many cases where the aid of the foreigner is not sought, so that I feel that I have not exaggerat ed in the conclusion that every year in China half a million people attempt suicide by apium, possibly many more. The majority of the cases are those of women who cannot otherwise

escape the Ayranny of cruel husbands. "The opium makes the suicide possible and easy. ... It also is the cause of poverty, ruin and despair, of 81 a wife sold into a life of shame, which makes death desirable. Oh! the sor row that opium brings to China !

DRUG STORES ABLAZE TWO FIRES AT WEST POINT AND EXTENSIVE LOSSES.

Great damage was done at a dire which occurred last. Saturday afternoon at it, Sutherland Street, West Point. The building in question is a two-storey brick structure and was used as a godown, where expensive Chinese medicines were stored. It was about 5.4 o'clock that flames were seen issuing from the top floor and the news was promptly communi cated to beadquarters: The fire brigade (Chie Inspector Baker in charge) arrived on the scene when the premises were enveloped in smoke and flame, and after some hard work they succeeded in saving the building. It was discovered later that one bale of medicine was destroyed, while the remainder of the stock was damaged by

The damage is estimated at \$17,000; and the dias were insured for \$65,000 in the London and Lancaster Insurance Company's office. The origin of the fire was believed have been caused by a coolie, who, having Temps, which argues that it is not likely to struck a lighted candle near a bale of medi cipe, left it, only to set fire to the bale.

DRUG DRYING CAUSES FIRE. West Point's second fire occurred shortly before daybreak on Monday. The flames broke out at, 105. Des Vœux Rond, but fortunately the fire-fighters were on the spot immediately after that the s.s. Mongolia, on which he was travel- the outbreak, and were able to tackle matters

before they got serious. 106. Des Vœux Road West is a three-stores ed blue brick building. The ground floor occupied by a hardware merchant, the second floor, is unoccupied, while the third and top floor was used as a dwelling house. The fi broke out on the top floor, caused, it was alleged, by the over-heating of some drugs. In the twinkling of an eye the whole floor was ablaze and as we have already stated the brigade arrived in time to confine the flames to that

The premises were insured, in a Chinese company (or \$1,300, and the damage is put down at \$800.

RATS AND PLAGUE. THE CAMPAIGN IN SHANGHAL.

The W. C. D. News writes:-The campaign against rats in Shanghai has now begun in real earnest. Since the discovery of plague-infected rate in Hongkey a thorough and systematic examination of all rats found dead in the streets has been introduced, and for that purpose the fullest use has been made of the existing sani-I tary organization. The house refuse coolies undersigned, respectfully request your influence | been charged with the duty of reporting suppression of the opium traffic in American the native population are now valuable units. Territory and by American ships, so that the | in the discovery and localization of plagueinfected rats., Rquipped with small bamboo buckets, where the disinfectant kills any ver- C. V. Ribeiro, h Tyler .......... In the Municipal Laboratory B post mortem examination of the rate is made, the spleens being examined microscopically for plague bacillus. Thirteen hundred rats have, so far,"been examined in this way, and fortyeight were found to be infected with plague. There are maps of every part of the Settlement on the walls of the Health Inspectors' room, and every time an infected rat is found a little red flag is pinned to the part of the plan that shows the locality from which it comes. In another room plain glass pins mark the spot where every dead rat, plagueinfected or not, has been found recently. The Health Office staff, as well as native

> value of which has been proved in epidemics of | S. Batliwala plague in India. This prophylactic, which. M.F. Billimoria. in a greater or less degree protects the subject A. Moyewala for several months, consists of a suspension I.P. Vapeewalla of plague bacilli heated to a" temperature which is just sufficient to kill them. Inoculation has very slight after-effects. The arm into which the fluid is injected remains sore for a few days, and slight fever may be expected the first night, but compared with vaccination the discomfort is trifling. Large supplies of the prophylactic are being prepared in the laboratory, and should human plague make its appearance, the Health Office will be able to offer free inoculation to all Chinese who will submit to it.

Plague, with the exception of the pneumonic form, which is rare, is believed to be caused entirely by fleas, which convey it from rat. When a rodent dies, the vermin leave the corpse and seek sustanance on the first warm body they can find. Though the white races may be less susceptible to the disease than Asiatics, the comparative immunity they enjoy is due chiefly to cleanlier habits, and better sanitation in their houses. The precautions that foreigners can take, therefore, are limited to cleanliness, and the extermination take is to render houses, as far as possible, rat- Young, c and b McGregor........ proof. To this end ventilators hear the ground holes inside the house should be plastered up. | Battiscombe, run out Cats are invaluable allies in the campaign Shields, b Walker ble to plague, and they are the rodents natural

foe: Where they are kept they should be given free access to the attics and, if possible, to the roof-rafters, for it is in those parts of the house that rate usually congregate: Mice, which are factors in the dissemination of plague, should also be destroyed. The Health Department has now over 2,000 rat traps which are set daily by native rat-catchers, under the supervision of the Health Inspectors will become

As has been already pointed out, rats are the chief, if not the only source of plague infection. Contraction of the disease from human cases is unlikely, if proper precautions are observed, and to doctors and purses the risk of attending plague patients is far less than that incurred in connection with cases of scarlet lever. The only satisfactory method of exterminating rate is by catching them either in tilps or with cate. Rat virus, which has recently been introduced at home, is of very little practical utility, and it is less deadly to the rate than plague itself. which only kills a small proportion of these

CLEVBR BURGLARS. INCENIOUS ATTEMPT TO ENTER

TOBACCO SHOP.

Now Year Eve a year ago a number of burglars forced an entrance into Messra. Sayce: and Company's tobacco store in Beaconsfield Arcade and got away with a good haul. Curious to remark, at the same time this year, another visit was paid to the shop, but on this occasion the thieves got nothing for their phine. At about eight o'clock on the morning of the

first ulto., when Mr. Sayce went to his business lionse to open up, he was surprised to see the Jarge pot palm, which is usually placed against the wall, standing in front of the shop door. Quickly removing the obstruction, he examined the door and at the bottom panel on the hight hand side, he saw a number of holes, ten were counted, which had been bored with an Instrument. The door was opened and instead of finding the place in disorder, Mr. Sayce discovered that the robbers did not succeed in their mission.

That the scheme to break into the shop was a clever one can be understood, when it is mentioned that the palm was shifted in front of the door so as to conceal the person while he proceeded to remove the panel to admit himself and his colleague. "Their failure to complete the task shows that they were disturbed. The matter was reported to the police. But if the robbers intend only to annoy Mr. Sayce once a year, and that on New Year Eve. then vigilance is not required.

> THE NEW MESSAGERIES AGREEMENT.

The projected agreement between the French State and the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes is severely criticised by the Paris. improve the precarious position in which the company at present stands. In 1907 the profits amounted to f.ro.000,000, and no dividend could be distributed. Although the State subsidy is by the agreement reduced by £100,000. this may be compensated by economies realised in the suppression of interests to credit accounts, and thus the company will dispose in future of the same profits. But the charge of the new bonds is practically equal to the old, the Temps argues, because if it is lighter it is paid on a higher, nominal amount. How. then, would the company be able any more than now to pay a dividend? - The new agreement establishes the principle of a regular amortissement of the fleet in 25 years, under the form of bonds, which is all right for the future. Our contemporary points out, however, that the agreement allows also the amortissement in the same period of the present subsidised fleet, which has already an average age of 20 years, while commencing with the first few years it will be necessary to create new bonds for the construction of new units. Thus, in associating with the company, the State commences by favouring a clear violation of the law of amortisation inscribed on the frontispiece of the convention: it gives its guarantee for the issue of bonds represented by a fonds defoulement, a contribution fund liable to rapid

ORIGKET.

disappearance, and a ficet which will soon

possess no market value.

PARSEE C. C. v. LUSITANO C.C.

The above match was played on New Year Eve, on the ground of the Parsees, who won by 4 wickets and 38 runs.

LUSITANO. aid in the freedom of China from this awful | buckets-half-filled with a disinfectant-and a A. Ribeiro, b Tyler...... pair of chopsticks, to avoid touching the rats [ R. Silva, c Vapiwala, b Tyler ....... with their hands, these coolies collect all the R. Carvalho, c Bejonjee, b Batli .................. the garbage chutes. The rate are put into the | C. Lopes, b Noria min on their bodies. At the chutes the Health | F. Hyndman, b Tyler ....... which the rats were found, before transmit- I.H. Spurge, b. Batliwala..................

PARSEES. Bowlers S. Tyler ..... Bilimoria - J. Noria ..... 4 

I. Heera, b Abbas ...... I. Chinoy, b Abbas...... 14 G. Hoggath, not out..... did not bat LUSITANO.

O. M. R. W. Bowlers. A. Abbas ......... 10 C. Lopes ..... 6 F. Ribeiro ...... 4. 🚳 TELEGRAPHS V. R.E'S.

The league fixture was played on the naval ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Telegraphs by 45 runs. For the winners Warburton and Shields batted well; contribute ing 27 and 12 respectively. Peake took 5 wickets for 19 and Shields W for 29. For the R.R.'s Power and Harris were batting well until a mishit by Power placed the ball in Young's hands. Shortly afterwards Harris lifted one to cover point which Lack held. Scores :-

TELEGRAPHS. Beattle, lbw b McGregor Peake, c and b Milbank Hone, not out ..... 

Total

Harrison, b Shields ....... x Wallbank & Franklin b Shields Fido. c Waburton, b Poake ...... Walker, c Battiscombe, b Shield Lovett, Not out Ratens, songar geneen sie aurappassen ausanten ...

Total prosesses as a service 49 O. L. M. R. W. 

#### Rat Destruction.

A HUMANITARIAN APPEAL. HON. MRI HEWETT'S PLEA FOR PLAGUE-

INFECTED RODENTS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"

5th January, 1909. Sir,-We have heard a great deal lately as to the necessity for destroying rats and mice with a view to decreasing the spread of bubonic plague and other ills and I presume we are all agreed as to the wisdom of this step.

The point to which I would desire to direct the attention of your readers, however, is the played manner in which these animals are destroyed. After luncheon to-day I met a servant with a cage containing a rat just captured. I asked how it was to be killed and he informed me that the custom was to put the rat into boiling

I appealed to one of the officials of the establishment and then learned that this was the customary mapper of killing the rats.

Fortunately two of his superiors appeared on the scene at this moment and instructions were at once given that in future all rats and of them were won by Mr. Landborg. mice should be drowned in cold water.

'- No-doubt all householders here are endeavouring to keep down the rate in their houses. but probably few know bow, these unfortunate I-the Club. Won by Mr. Pollock. creatures when captured are destroyed, and my experience of this afternoon appears to justify my bringing the matter before the

The usual custom among a certain class of servants is to amuse themselves by taking a Won by Mr. P. A. Rozario. kettle of boiling water, slawly rouring this over | 2nd Prize presented bought with the entr the wretched little animal while still in the fees. Won by Mr. D. Carvalho. cage, enjoying its agony as it runs from side to side endeavouring to escape the forture in- laid the accounts, from November, 1907, flicted. Another favourite form of killing rats | the date of the meeting upon the table, which is to soak them in kerosine oil and then set is showed that the Club was carrying forward a fire to them: I have personally obtained convictions bero and elsewhere against servants (not my own I am glad to say) for killing rats by these methods.

I would now appeal to your readers to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any rats or mice caught on their premises be humanely destroyed.—Yours truly,

- EDBERT A. HEWETT.

P. AND O. STEAM NAVIGATION.

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND ON BRITISH

There was a large gathering of shatcholders to hear Sir Thomas Sutherland's statement at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Company on the 11th ult.

His tone was grave as he referred to the fact that the trade of the world was passing under a cloud, and that the great shipping industry had suffered accordingly. Great fleets of ships had been laid up in the various ports of the United Kingdom for some months past, and the state of affairs was emphasised when they remembered that there was a great amount of tonnage laid up in the East, particularly Bombay and Calcutta, it being found interly impossible to procure homeward cargoes of any description whatever, or at any possible rates. The P. and O. Company had their full share of this depressing state of affairs, but he thought they had emerged as satisfactorily as could possibly be expected under the circumstances:

Sir Thomas went on to refer to the mail contract concluded with the Government in February last. The terms were more arduous than ever before, he said, and it was too early to say whether it would eventually turn out profitable to the company or not. Since they had patched up their quarrel with the German lines, they had obtained better revenue returns from India. but the homeward freights could only be described as "simply miserable." From a moral point of view he rejoiced at the decline in the onium traffic, but as a shipper he deplored it. (Laughter.) He urged the Government to watch this trade, as he believed that opium was as needful to the temperament of the Chinese as beer was to the English.

-What was the prospect of trade in the future? rasked Sir Thomas, in conclusion. He was of opinion that if there was a betterment it was very slight, but expressed the belief that an automatic improvement would continue.

KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held. at the Board room, on the 15th December, 1908; Present:-Messrs, W. H. Wallace (chairman), J. S. Fenwick, Huang Ts'an-chew S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The list of persons qualified to vote at meetings of ratepayers, published annually, was read, approved and passed for publication.

It was decided to request Mr. D. M. Mickle, and Mr. Huang Ts'an-chew, the Chinese member of the Council, to jointly inspect the new Municipal buildings, and decide what was a just and fair amount the contractor should recoive as a final payment on account of his

A letter was read from Mr. Lim Kui Siong complaining\_that\_bis\_property at San-ku-chan had been over-assessed. He was to be informed that he could either refer the case to Revd. G. M. Wales, the gentleman nominated by the Chinese ratepayers as their representative on the Land Commission, or the Council would refer the case to the Land Commission as a whole. In the meantime, as his contention could not be taken as an excuse for not paying his taxes, he was to be requested to forward cheque for same without delay.

The tenders for 1909 night-soil contract were opened and considered. Subject to satisfactory reference being given, the tender of Kho Pok

Seng for \$1,800 was accepted. The Supt. of Police reported the Mixed Court as still closed on account of official

mourning, W, H. WALLACE,

Chairman.

.By order,

secure in Les

-C. BERKELEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

picton, after making the necessary inquiries. and ascertaining the numbers of the innks engaged by the shopkeeper to bring the cargo ashors, proceeded to search each junk. The first boat to be visited was No. 632, and no sooner had he stepped on board than a woman ran to the wide and threw a quantity of stuff overboard. The was placed under arrest at once. on a charge of throwing a quantity of fungus overboard to avoid maisura. On being charged in the Police Court, and pleading guilty, she was

present to pay a fine of \$50, or to suffer two

THE HONGRONG CHESS CLUB. ANNUAL MEETING.

At the general meeting of the members of members were present, namely. Mr. Pollock | three representatives already appointed F. Carvalho, Mr. V. de Soura, Mr. P. A. proceedings. Rozario, and Mr. J. X Batalha.

During the period since the last general meeting the following matches have been

1. Match: Mr. Pollock's team v. Mr. Danenberg's team. Pick-up. Five a side. One game to decide. Thursday the 12th December, 1907, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. Pollock's team won by 5 to 2. Exhibition of simultaneous play by Mr. H. W. Landborg, on Thursday, the 19th December, 1907, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. Landborg won all the games but one.

3. Exhibition of blindfold play by Mr. H. W. Landborg, on Thursday, the 9th January, 1908, at 5.15 p.m. Three games were played and all 4. (a) Knock-out tournament for the cham-

pionship of the Club. 1st Prize of value of \$25, to be presented, by

and Prize to be bought with the entrance fees. Won by Mr. V. de Souze (b) Knock-out tournment for those who do not enter for championship.

1st Prize presented by Mr. S. D. Setna.

Mr. M. J. Danenberg, the hon, treasure balance of \$204.02 against \$167.96 brought forward in November, 1907.

On the motion of Mr. Pollock, who took the chair, the accounts were passed? . The next matter which was brought up for discussion was the selection of a place of meeting and it was resolved that Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto should approach the manager of the Astor House with a few to securing the use of a room for the Chess Club in the afternoons, 5.15 p.m. onwards, Mondays and Thursdays being speci-

ally selected for playing match games. (Note.-An arrangement has since been arrived at with the manager of the Astor House upon the above lines, and consequently the .Chess Club will meet at the Astor House til further potice),

It was then proposed and carried that the ensuing season :-(1.) Malch: Mr. Pollock's team v. Mr.

Danenberg's team. Pick-up. Five a side. One game to decide. Monday ath January, 1909, at 5,15 p.m. (2.) Tournament for the championship of the

Club. Two games to be played; all against all. The award of prizes to be determined by the aggregate number of marks scored after all the games have been played,

No score to count either for or against any player unless he plays the full number of games, 1st prize, of value of \$25, to be presented by the Club, 23d prize, a cup to be presented by Mr. S. D. Seina. . Entries for the championship to be sent in to.

Mr. P. A. Rozario, the hon, secretary, c/o. Messrs. Meyer & Co., on or before Saturday the 9th January, 1907. Play to commence on Monday, the 11th January, 19:9, and the tournament to be completed, if practicable, within two months. (3.) It was decided that, whilst the above

tournament was proceeding, the Canton Chess Club should be approached with a view to seeing whether a match of two games could be arranged, to be conducted by postcard. Canton playing white in one game and black in the

Young Men's Christian Association should also be approached with a view to a match being played against them about Thursday, the 25th February, 1909.

(5.) It was also decided that, if possible, an international match be played between members of the British, German and Portuguess communities, (with liberty to other nationalities to compete) each team to play the other two teams, with seven players a side and each player playing two games against his opponent the winning team to be the team which scores the highest aggregate number of matks.

A challenge shield will be presented by Mr. H.E. Pollock, to be won outright by the team which wins three years in succession. The possibility of holding an inter-club

match was then discussed, but it was resolved to let the matter stand over for the present. The following committee were then elected:-

Mr. H. E. Pollock, - president.

Mr. Mr.J. Danenberg, hop. treasurer.

Mr. P. A. Rozario, -hon, secretary. Mr. S. D. Setna.

Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto,

HIGH SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

'At a meeting in Berlin of the Executive Committee of the German Colonial Society held on December 9 under the presidency of Duke John Albert of Mecklenburg, Admiral von Tirpitz (Minister of Marine) appounced that the Government intended to establish at Kiaochao a high school for Chinese, at a cost of 600,000 marks (£30,000) with a recurrent expenditure of 150,000 marks (£7,500) per

ADDUM. The Minister stated that the view prevailed in China that a thorough reform of the school system was a necessary preliminary to the modernisation of the State's methods government. The Chinese Government has shown its sympathy with the project by expressing its readiness to support the new school suitable scholars, and by admitting scholars and to posts under the Chinese Government.

The German Government, Admiral von schools, and for institutes for political economy, forestry, and agriculture, to be founded later.-Reuter,

MUCH regret will be expressed at the news of the death of Captain I. D. C. Arthur which A REPORT was made to the police on New Year I took place at the Nursing Home on Saturday Day, by a shopkeeper, that a large quantity last after a short illness, reports the N. C. D. of fungus, about \$400 worth, had gone amissing ! News, of 28th u to. A Scotsman by birth. during transhipment. Detective Sergeaut Ap. | Capiela Arthur was formerly in the Australian service on the boats of the Eastern and Australing Con and left his command there to become is to turn on the genuineness or no of the A METING of Germans, interested in the a Torres Straits pilot. He was also for many | Chinese Imperial Government in regard to establishment of an elementary school for years with. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and I the suppression of the countries may Yangire pilots. For the last eight or ten more upon the attitude of the Provincial | being present Consul Knipping, in the chair, two nations perpetuated! " the provincial | being present Consul Knipping, in the chair, two nations perpetuated!" years he has been retained by the Mippon Viceroys. And yet still more on the local and Messrs Schell, Wolken Kreler, Rode Yusen Kaisha and has been singularly success. cofficials, who are the men, who have the real Bottcher and Gruenert; when it was spreed to ful in his handling of the trade is | Kent Mounouth, and Flora have the losses of the trade is | Kent Mounouth, and Flora have the losses Company, His genial and generous disposi, could have been only issued with the tongue the German-Chinese College), and on their due to the importation of wirish. Illen goods, could have been only issued with the tongue the German-Chinese College), and on their due to the importation of wirish. Illen goods, could have been only issued with the tongue the German-Chinese College), and on their due to the importation of wirish.

The Wai-wu-pu on Christmas Day appointed His Excellency Jul Chen, Provincial Treasurer at Soochow and formerly Taotai at the Hongkong Chess Club, which was held at | Shanghai, and His Excellency Teni Nai-huang, the office of Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Pre- | present Taotal of Shanghai, to represent China sident of the Club, on Wednesday, the 21rd | at the Anti-Opium Conference to be opened in December, 1908, at 5.15 p.m. the following Shanghai on February 1, in addition to the

(president), Mr. M. J. Danenberg (hon. trea. On the occasion of the opening of the Consures), Mr. S. D. Seina, Mr. A. F. B. Silva | ference a high official from Peking will be sent Netto, Mr. R. A. Dastur, Mr. D. Carvalho, Mr. | as an additional mark of China's interest in the

THE ANTI-OPIUM CAMPAIGN.

The Prince Regent has consulted with the Grand Council the feasibility of issuing instructions to the Viceroys and Governors of the various provinces prohibiting the consumption of oplum within two years. It is stated that, the proposition was deemed by the Grand Council to be too sudden and that more time should be given to the people to start new enterprises and to get rid of the habit. It is probable that an edict will be issued this year prohibiting opium consumption by the end of the 3rd year of Hsuen T'ung (1911).

Sir E. Grey, interrogated by Mr. Watt, (on the 3rd ult.) said he was not aware that any of the British representatives to the Opium Conference were in possession of strong views on the subject, but they would be guided by instructions from the Government, due regard being paid to the state of facts brought before the Conference.

'PUBLICATION OF STRAITS REPORT. The Singapore Free Press writes editorially : -The warning that was telegraphed home from Singapore, that the delay in the publication of the Straits Opium Commission, Report was believed to be in deference to political purposes, especially to the hindering of Hongkong from obtaining any knowledge of the recommendations of the Commissioners, has, we are glad to see, attracted notice at home. It may be presumed that the Colonial Office, on being consulted by Reuter, inspired that agency to declare that that belief in the Straits was "unfounded." The point is that it exists very generally, and the official tone of the disclaimer, rather if anything, tends to accentuate that belief. The Singapore, theory has at any rate seemed so plausible to the public in London, which is not inclined to take the opium agitation at its own face value, that it telegraphed to Hongkong that opinion in London endorses the Singapore hypothesis, namely that Hongkong being kept, in ignorance of the Straits Report-this probably not in accordance with the views that were as nearly as possible dictated to the Commission in the reference that was to guide its investigations following matches should be played during the, it will be possible to deal with these Crown Colonies scriatim without either of them being permitted access to the Straits Report. THE HONGKONG PRESS

are waking up to the danger, but from what we have read that danger is not yet fully apprehended.' The delay in action on the part of the Secretary of State, so distasteful to the agitation' munkers, may be, and likely is simply the result of the dread of the scandal that would ensur if any action were precipitated before the publication of the proceedings of the international Conference at Shanghai. But we cannot too emphatically insist that the slight delay in hostile action, against the Crown Colony revenues, is as nothing compared with th danger underlying the inexcusable suppression of a Report, that could be issued here to morrow for at least limited local consumption at an hour's notice. As regards publication, in its technical sense, it would be quite sufficient to meet the requirements, if a cop" were issued here to each member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, to the press of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States, and to the Resident General and British Residents of the Malay States. A copy should also be handed to the Secretary of the Singapore Branch of the (4.) It was decided that the Hongkor 2 Straits Settlements Association. Further, for the information of each member of the International Shanghai Conference the requisite number of copies should be handed to the chief British member, Sir Cecil Smith, on his passing through Singapore for Shanghai. In addition to that several copies should be placed at the disposal of the Hongkong Government, I has been noted among the Chinese to give up the Registrar-General at Hongkong and the Hongkong press. Until that is done we shall take leave to draw our lown conclusions as to phia. Siam in fact is only following the Straits the motives of the Colonial Office in its wanton in taking energetic measures to make the use suppression of a report, whose conclusions of such drugs illegal, except in cases where have a direct bearing upon the fate-of-half I they are prescribed by a doctor. of the revenue of this Colony. If we were to conceive a complete reversal of the con- kok Times, that the well meant efforts to de ditions, and imagine that the Governor in- | away with opium-smoking are of doubtful wis Council here in the Straits Settlements had dom, if only because something else will take it in his power to determine a policy that would- the place of opium and that something else affect the revenue of the United Kingdom by may very well have even more deleterious half, say a matter of £72,000,000, and were to leffects. The reality, of this danger is shown. suppress for an indefinite time essential inform. by the fact that, before anything has been done ation, would there not be a howl from the to stop the use of opium, smokers in the Federal Home Government and the British public? ed Malay States and now in the Siamese part of people, is quite evident. This of course is a mere reductio ad absurdum. I the Peninsule, have found out for themselves the But at the same time it is a very exact picture | more powerful effects that can be produced by of the relative injury done to this Colony by a | morphia. The pleasant effects of the drug are | has a great future. The people of the United malevolent prolongation of an entirely gratui. admitted in the Siamese proclamation, which States ought to be proud of the friends which We think that temporary reprieve is utterly insignificant when put beside the ominous fact of | ultimately are, however, only too evident in the deliberate suppression of the Straits Report.

That shows that the Colonial Office and the Home Government still remain the servile accomplices of A DISCREDITED AGITATION, which they dread simply on account of its power of appeal to public Pharisaisms. which is just as strong now as it was nineteen hundred years ago. The avidity with which exaggeration is resorted to, and the adxiety to suppress truth are the marks of the breed. Hence the agony of irritation amongst the antiopium clique at home when it became known that it had been proved to demonstration that Mr. Clementi's conclusion that no more than 2 per cent of the population of China were regular both by a subsidy and by the provision of opium smokers, was beyond impeachment. The confusion of the agitation may be measured from the German school to State examinations by the laughably feeble attempt made by so practised a controversialist as Mr. Joseph Alex-Lander, the Secretary of the principal anti-opium high school as a basis for technical and medical columns of this journal. It was impossible to be otherwise than compassionale over the collapse of so windy and portentous an imposture. We wonder if Mr. Alexander could tell us whether more than 2 per cent of the British

population of the United Kingdom are regular consumers of beer or spirits? When you size it up that way it is possible very exactly to get the measure of that agitation to which a Radical Government has kow-towed in such abject fashion. Now everything at

THE SHANGHAI CONFERENCE

tion won him many friends who will deeply in the cheek, to put full faith in assurances for premises for the present. The curriculum had from Japan. The detail and elaboration of the 165 bits, compared with 665 founds and sympthing with the family in the loss it has which one condition is to be the extinction of been drawn up already by the head-master work are alike astoniahing. The picts are later year a which one condition is to be the extinction of been drawn up already by the head-master work are alike astoniahing. The picts are later year a which one condition is to be the extinction of been drawn up already by the head-master work are alike astoniahing. The picts are later year a which one condition is to be the part minutes. the Import of opium into China. The com- on the lines of similar schools in Germany, gran more so. Device Record.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CONRERENCE. | manding fact is that China is the principal opium producing country in the world, and that if it can only acquire a monopoly of that production by the denial of entrance to the foreign-grown commodity, the Chinese provincial governments will possess, if they choose, a very powerful agency for the raising of reve-Due. Those who know the Chinese officia character best will be able to say whether all this power of raising revenue will be abandoned with alacrity just to please the whim of the

FARE PROM MANILA.

REDUCTION BY INDO-CHINA S. N. CO.

"Foreign Devil "Governments ...

Messrs. Smith, Bell and Company, the Manila agents for the Indo-China Steam I Navigation Company, aunounce that the saloon passage on the Yuensang and Hongkong, (?) of P30. Both these vessels are sale and comfortable steamers and the new rate will undoubtedly meet with favour by the travelling public. The cheap rate went into effect with the steamer Yuensang, sailing 31st ult. and the next vessel of the line to leave for the neighbouring port will be the Loongsang, sailing on Friday, January 8, at four o'clock p.m.

TRAGIC INTERVIEW. SHIP'S OFFICER SHOT IN SAIGON HOTEL

ASSASSIN SURRENDERS' TO THE POLICE.

Saigon papers bring news of a tragedy which occurred at the Marine Hotel at Saigon, on December 17, M. Berreste, second officer of steamer Donai, being shot fatally. It appears that. M. Berreste went to interview a Indy stay ing at the hotel for whom he said he had commissions from her husband who is now in Siam -Mme, de Roqueville,

They had not been in conversation for long before an individual entered the room in which they were conversing. Shots were heard and man, known by the name of Surnom, was seen leaving the place. This man said that Berrest bad tried to strike him, and then left the hotel M. Berreste afterwards appeared; he was terribly wounded and sank to the floor lifeless Mme, de Roqueville also appeared later covered with blood and scarcely to stand. The victims were placed in a rickshaw and taken and to the hospital where. was found that Mme, de Roqueville had been

two revolver wounds which had killed him The assassin surrendered himself to the authorities to whom he made a statement to the effect that his two victims owed his money and had refused to pay. According to L'Opinion, M. Berreste was an extremely popular officer; and it is hoped that Mme, de Requeville will make a speedy recovery.-Strasts Times.

seriously wounded in the left breast and the

palm of the hand. M. Berreste had received

CHEUNG-SHA-WAN.CEMETER) BURIAL OF DEAD PLAGUE BODIES.

In connection with the labour and mater for the plague cemetery, at Cheung-sha-wan for the year 1908, it was agreed at the meeting o the Sanitary Board held on the 15th September last that this contract be not re-entered into and that the use of Cheung-shawan as a spe cial plague cemetery-be given up.

The Medical Officer of Health minuted: The bodies left to the Department for burial should, think, be buried at Kai-lung-wan and Ma-tau-wai cemeteries. If this is decided on, it will be necessary to prepare sites for such burials. During the height of the plague season, it may be necessary to have trenches dug instead of individual graves. This was done at Cheung-sha-wan by a contractor.

SUBSTITUTE FOR OPIUM. MORE POWERFUL EFFECIS PRODUCED BY MORPHIA.

Monthom Puket is, we believe, not the only district in the Malay Peninsulawhere a tendency opium smoking for the more dangerous form of intoxication produced by injections of mor-

It has often been argued, continues the Bang (khuam sukh). The frightful effects produced Puket, according to the report made by the | these nations can do and they can afford to authorities there, and in view of the tempts. | encourage the awakening of China and extend tion to buy brief happiness at too great a price, the only remedy that a Government can safely

apply is probibition. China is making some efforts to exclude visit is paid to the United States by a body of morphia, but it is believed to be smuggled | representative men of that country, into the country in considerable quantities. Possibly the Opium Commission will help to the five chambers of commerce, through whom secure united action by the Powers to proteck we received our invitation to visit Japan, the the Far East from such dangerous drugs. following resolution, which was signed by all Opium smoking presents a sufficiently difficult | the thirty members of the commission: problem in itself without these additional evils.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A CONTRACTOR.

MR. SHELTON HOOPER'S MINUTE.

Tirpits added, desired to create a commercial organization, to confute Mr. Clementi in the to make public the proceedings of the configuration the sentiments within us, do respectfully request dential meeting, which was held on the 22nd the high officers of state who have received us, ultimo, in connection with complaints received the commercial bodies which have instructed against the scavenging and conservancy con- us, the clubs which have entertained us, and tractor of Kowloon. The following motion was the ladies and gentlemen who have opened submitted by Mr. A. Shelton Hooper on that their homes for our pleasure, to accept a resoluoccasion:-"That the contractor be fined \$100 | tion passed at a meeting of the commission, and be told that his carrying out of his contract | November 4, 1908, as follows: would be carefully watched till the end of the That the friendship and goodwill of the year and that he would be fined \$25 for each breach of the provisions of his contract." Mr. Lau Chu Pak seconded

AMBRICA AND JAPAN.

TRADE, COMMISSIONERS! REPORT.

The Chamber of Commerce has received from the honorary commercial commissioners representing the Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast, who completed the formal itinerary of their visit in Japan November 4, an extended preliminary report of the reception given by the Japanese, people to their guests, The report, drawn up and sent by four commissioners returning to the United States on the steamship Mongolia, was addressed to each of the chambers represented, and was drafted by Mr. E. F. Blaine, who, with H. W. Treat and J. D. Lowman, were the delegates from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. The report says in I friend would read farther down the page he

"It would be absurd and wrong, after the manifestations of affection which were accorded that Company, have been reduced from P40 to us by the Japanese people, to question the sincerity of their friendship. Every member of the commission realized that it was not the. commissioners whom the Japanese sought to compliment, but that through them they were seeking to reach the hearts of the people of the United States.

. APPRECIATE AMERICA'S FRIENDSHIP

"Before visiting the empire of Japan none of us had the slightest conception of the sentiments which the people of that country bear to the people of the United States. Commodore Perry's memory is as much revered as that of almost any patriot who has ever died for Japan. The people of that empire feel that the United States has dealt airly with them and has given them advice which was not in any way tinged by selfish interest.

"They declare that the moral support of the American people and our sympathy during the war with Russia assured them that they would be successful. They constantly spoke of the friendship manifested by our country when President Roosevelt suggested that hostilities between Japan and Russia should cease and ar

honourable peace be concluded. "Bearing in mind that only fifty-five years ago Japan was a hermit nation, and that to-day she is a world power, realizing to what extent they have developed their natural resources, and through their emperor, changed their form of government, established educational institutions, and performed a work more gigantic than has before been undertaken by any other people, we deem any such criticism at this ime improper,

ALIVE TO DEVELOPMENT.

"There is no mistaking the onward and upward trend of commerce, manufacturing and education in Japan. She has within her the elements of a very high civilization, and her people are not blind to these factors.

"The commerce of Japan has had a rapidity of growth unequalled by any other modern nation. The Japanese build, man and navigate their own ships, and they have built ships which seem equal to the best that ply the

Pacific ocean. "Many of their manufacturing plants are on a large scale, and are in conformily with the latest models of either Germany, England or the United States. In one of the cotton-spinning factories which we visited the sanitary arrangements were nearly perfect. There was a school for the education of some of the em ployes and the children of the employes, theatre, tea house, hospital, boarding house sleeping apartments, and such employes as were furnished food were given it at less than one-half of its actual cost. We were advised that there were many other manufacturing institutions adopting like measures for the com-

fort and benefit of their employes. "While we found the wages paid in the factories small as compared with wages in America, they were sufficient to enable the employes to accumulate savings, as the cost of living in Japan is extremely low.

PLENTY OF WATER POWER,

and having a heavy rainfall, there is almost an incalculable amount of water powerthat can be developed. Already there are numerous electrical plants receiving their power from this |-of-the Shichikyakusen tribe's village, and

"The mines of coal and copper and oil fields are being developed. In fact, the people seem alive to all the things which makes towards the higher civilization of man and they have the daring and ability to put their thoughts into "Their banking system is thoroughly organize

ed and is a great aid in the support and development of the industries of the country, In fact, Japan's awakening is such and her geographical coal location is so favourable to a most difficult position." trade and commerce, that it is probable that there is as little danger of migration from that country to other parts of the world, as there is from either France or England.

"That the Japanese are going to become a great trading nation is apparent. That the material development of the empire's going to make a great demand for all the labour of their

NATION HAS GREAT FUTURE. "We were impressed with the ideathat Japan

tous state of suspense. The Hongkong papers | states that it makes the heart "sabai," and that | they have in the Far East. The co-operation derive some comfort from the delay in action, it is taken as a means to secure happiness of Japan and America is essential to the up lifting of Asig. "There is more in the Orient than both of

> to her a beloing hand. "Our visit to Japan, while important, can be made doubly so, if at no distant date, a similar

"Before leaving the empire we presented to

"The honorary commercial commissioners representing chambers of commerce of the Pacific coast of the United States of America, appreciating the sentiments which actuated the chambers of commerce of Japan in extending an invitation to us to visit Japan and realizing that we have met with a reception in this empire from the highest official to the At the meeting of the Sanitary Board last | humblest person which has touched us so Tuesday, it was decided, in the public interest, I keeply, that we are without words to express

> becole of the empire of Japan towards the citizens of the United States of America is undestioned.

"That the trade relations between the two countries can and ought to be strengthened. That a plan should be adopted by which | againheads the results with 150 rounds and 101 afterwards joined the association of the Lower | poppy throughout its provinces. And perhaps | at the German Municipal Council office, there | be increased and the friendship between the | Ohief Petty Officer Jago, with to round and and are

"A OUBSTION OF TIME!

WORDY DISPUTE AVERTED AT THE CRIMINAL **EXCIPATE** 

A wordy dispute very nearly took place beween Mr. Calthron, counsel for the defence in the look murder trial, and the Chief Instice last Tuesday afternoon. Counsel was crossexamining one of the leading witnesses, when the Chief Justice, interrupted. The following

dialogue took place:— Mr. Calthrop (to the witness)-Did you go to Mount Kallett?—No.: The next question asked was: "Why didn't

you go there M. The Attorney-General remarked that if his would find the reply there.

"The Chief Justice-These questions are of no importance. Mr. Calthrop. They do not affect the point. Mr. Calthrop replied that it was just "these

little questions that were of importance. The Chief Justice was understood to say that the questions were only a waste of time. Mr. Calthrop (perkily)-If your Lordship does not want me to put the questions I won't

The Chief Justice reiterated that the questions and no significance, and were only wasting

Mr. Calthrop mentioned something about time and resumed his cross-examination.

SUSPECTED JAPANESE SPIES. THE ARRESTS IN VLADIVOSTOR,

Recently, two Japanese were arrested at Vladivostok. Upon inquiring of the Military Governor of Vladivostok, Mr. Momura, the Japanese Consul, learnt that the arrested Japanese had been seen strolling about in the proximity of the fort. Their manner aroused the suspicions of the Russian officer, who are rested and examined them, and from what was found written in their pocket-books, they were suspected to be spies and detained. It is be-

TROOPS AND TYPHOONS.

lieved that the Russian authorities can be con-

vinced the suspicions are groundless, and that

the Japanese will shortly be released.

HONGKONG ALLEGES EXAGGERATION IN "TRUTH."

Os September 23, I. called attention to that discomfort and inconvenience occasioned by quartering one of the two Indian infantry regiments now stationed at Kowloon in "matshedi." which are liable to be blown down

wherever a typhoon occurs. This is a frequent occurrence in that part of the world, says Towik, and it was stated in the paragraph that the mat-sheds have to be reconstructed on an average twice or three times a year. I am now told in a letter from Hongkong that this is an exaggeration, and on an average the regimental quarters are not blows away more than once a year. This correction does not seem to me to amount to much. Possibly it may be cheaper to build a new range of mat-sheds once a year than to build stone barracks which would last for an indefinite period; but the economy is not sufficient to justify the exposure of troops to the consequence of having their quarters blown away once a year, with the result that two regiments have to be crammed for some time into barracks only intended to hold ons.

THE FURMOSAN ABORIGINES

TRIBE HEMMED IN. A Taipeh dispatch says:—"On the morning "Owing to the country being mountainous of the 22nd ultimo the forces advancing from Hakubhakusha in the vicinity of Shichikyakusen brought four guns to bear on the aborigines concealed in the side of a bill in the rear covered the advance of the infantry and police force. The bombardment was effective, many of the aborigines being killed or wounded. The infantry and police force, which givenced under cover of the artillery fire, poured volleys on the side of Shichikyakusen hill, the firing being continued till 2 p.m. The artillery fire was then resumed and the enemy selected to the rear of the hill. They are now faced with their bitterest enemy, the Toroko tribe. They can seither retreat or advance, and are now in

ALLEGED ORUELTY TO CATILE.

MASTER OF S.S. "STANDARD."

Captain H. N. Bull, master of the steamer -Standard, was placed on trial in the criminal court on Saturday afternoon, reports the Manila Times of 28th ult., charged with cruelty to animals in not making proper provision on his vessel for animals in transportation to Manile

from the China coast.

mals died and were thrown overhoard during the trip, fifteen animals arrived in Manila with their legs broken, and three were found dead on board ship on arrival in this port; there were no stalls on the ship and morprovision had been made for protection to The question of jurisdiction, was reised by

The complaint alleged that seventeen ani-

the defence on the grounds that the ship flies the Norwegian flag and that the cattle in question were embarked at a foreign port." ... The court took the matter under advisement,

THE KAWASAKI BOCKYARD.

CONSTRUCTION OF TURBINES.

The Kawasaki Dockyard, of Kobe has received an order from the Imperial Navy of steam turbines of the Curtis pettern for warships now being built at the naval yards, Who Kawasaki Dockyard some years ago secored the right to the manufacture in Japan of the Curtis steam turbine. The dockyard has engaged, at a salary of Y8,500 a year, the services of Mr. J. G. Shaw, formerly head of the drawing department of a large American firm, who has much experience in the manufacture of steamer turbines. Mr. Shaw has already arrived in Kohe and has begun the preparations mocessary, and the construction of the workshop, where the turbines are to be made has been taken in hand -- Jayan Chronicle. of State

DETAILS have come to hand of the heavy gunlayers that in the China Fleet, and the armoured craiser King Alfred, flagably of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Limbton hits. The best individual score was that of hits from a 6 in gun, The Astron is second with to rounds and ST hits, and the Baller. third with or rounds and of hits. The crusses - samued 4 20' combined with the last are

"THE CRISHA! SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE AT THE CLUH LU-11ANO.

Hongkong is well maintaining its reputation as second to none in the Far East in the way of amateur theatricals. What with the Amateur Dramatic Club's excellent staging of excellent pieces to charm Hongkong audiences, the Kowloon Dock staff's successful efforts to provide diversions of a similar nature, and last, but not least, the Club Lusitano's happy idea of emulating the Lilliputions, they promise to invest à peculiar charm into the social life of the Colony, In the case of grown-ups, it is but, a matter of dogged perseverance to ensure success for the production of a piece, but for little mites of children to face an audience and come out of the ordeal-for ordeal undoubtedly it is-with flying colours, is the highest tribute that can be paid to the untiring patience of those in whose hands the success of the piece was entrusted. Certainly, there are not many in Hongkong who can say with any degree of cortainty that they could acquit themselves as ably as the little productes did on Saturday night. Considering the success which attended the production of "The Beile of New York" last year we feel sure that we are on safe ground when we say that those who were accorded the hospitality of members of the Club Lusitano on Saturday evening already anticipated what was in store for them - a decided success. Of course, a complete absence of stage fright was by no means apparent, but this was soon overcome, and the applause which greeted the efforts of each little player is a stronger testimony than mere words of the preciation of their auditors. During the evening, floral tributes were many and ungrudgingly bestowed on the deserving performers.

The plot; which is, of the lightest, is too well known to need recapitulation. Suffice it to say that the scene is laid in the land of the Rising Sun and has to'do with the life of the "geishas," or tea house waitresses. Miss Cam lla Castro, whose successin, the title-tôle of "The Bella of New York" is still (resh in the minds of many took the principal part and her graceful acting and remarkable aptitude for music captured the hearts of the audience. Master. Henrique Lopes, as Wun Hi, proprietor of the tea-house, played the part to perfection; and brought down the house by his-clever witti- SINGAP ORB PROPERIY MARKET cisms. His portrayal of greed personified was faultless to a degree and the part, where he is 'told that he will have to break all connection with the tea-house and all his money-grabbing. hopes consequently shattered, was particularly good, the subject looking the very picture of despair. Miss Mana Rozano as the digadied Lady Constance Wynne, abty interpreted her part. Master Fern Remedios, us the Marquis Imari appreciated his part. Miss Elfrida Usmunt as Mollie Scamore, captivated the audience by her singing and dancing. Her grace on the stage won unstinted applause. The other players filled their parts well and ably support-

ed the principals. Following is the caste:-

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Coolies, Attendants, Mousmes, &c., &c. Messrs. A. E. da Silva and C. M. S. Alves deserve the greatest credit for the production of the piece, while the thanks of all concerned are due to Mr. F. A. V. Riberio for the excellent acenery put up. Messes. J. C. do Rozario and F. Gonzalez, had perfect control of the excellent orchestra of the Sociedade Philarmoóth ibst.

"The Geisha" was staged for the second time last night, at the Club Lusitano by the Portuguese Lilliputians and was attended by a large portion of the British and foreign residents of the Colony, who availed themselves of the members' hospitable, invitations to wit ness the unique interpretation of the popular musical comedy. The performance met with the same successing as that on Saturday night, and during the evening, encores and floral tri butes were numerous.

PROPERTY SALE

GOOD, PRICE-FETCHED.

A sale by public auction was out un at the office of Mr. G. P. Lammert last Thursday, when the New Kowloon Farm Lot No. 2 and New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6, situate at Tai Pat Chong, Kowloon Tsai, having a total area of 102,363 square feet, and held under Crown lesses for the residue of terms of 75 years (with a right of renewal) of a total annual Crown zent of \$88, came under the hammer, The property was sold in one lot. At first the bidding rose by \$25, but no somer was the \$3,000 mark reached than Sir Paul Chater stepped in and from then the ownership stood between him and Mr. Blunck. Bidding was very keen, and the latter gentleman had eventually to relinquish the field, the property feet, freehold. (\$8,200). being knocked down to Sir Paul Chater for the handsoms price of \$9,500, ..

SPRAKING at a moeting of the China Society. held last month in the Canton Hall, London, at which Mr. Ivan Chen, of the Chinese Legation, | freehold. (\$20,000). and H. E. Lord Li Ching Fong, the Chinese Minister, both read most interesting papers on to 23.4 off Killiney Road, area 4,720 square Chinese subjects. Sir Robert Hart, in thank- | feet, freehold. (\$6,000). ing the speakers for their papers, said "East and West were far from each other, but as Strathmore, situate at Tanglin Hill, area 2. steamers, railroads, telegraphs-(laughter)- 2.30 freehold. Monthly rent \$125, (\$17,400). were bringing them closer together every day. had something to learn. from the other. The hold. (\$16,000). Chinese were wonderfully intelligent people. They could learn anything and do asything to was to be seen at Paring avery they and had last Wednesday) Two of them had to pay 33

KAIFONG" STRUCK ON CHARTED ROCK.

BOARD OF INQUIRY.

The Munita Times, of 2nd inst., says; On December 20 the board appointed to investigate the striking of the British steamer Kaifong on an uncharted rock in Itoilo strait on the 24th ult. made its report to the collector customs at Iloilo, two of the members exoperating the pilot in charge and the third member placing the blame on Pilot Vidal who

was in charge of the vessel. The Raifong struck a rock on her starboard side in the strait at 11.40 in the morning and the plates and frames on that side of the vessel were dented and bent opposite the hold and engine room, and the starboard propeller was

A claim for damages against the pilots' asociation was presented by Smith, Bell and Company, the vessel's agents, and a board of arbitration was appointed by the collector of customs, consisting of Captain Miller of the Mindoro at the request of the pilots, Captara W. J. Hamilton for Smith, Bell and Company, and Captain C. A. Wilson by the collector.

The findings of the board were presented to the collector on December 29, but the members of the board fulled to reach a unanimous decision, Captain Wilson presenting a minority report to which he blamed the pilot for taking the vessel so near in shore and thus inviting disaster. The majority report stated that the vessel struck an unchafted rock 373 yards northof the Siete Pecados lighthouse, and that the accident was due to an error in the chart, both the master of the vestel and the pilot being

As the board was unable to arrive at a unanimous decision its members asked to be discharged and a new board appointed, which was done, the new board holding its first session

on December 20. Collector Ham in his report states that the place where the rock is located is marked on the chart issued by the Coast and Geodetic Survey in January 1308, by the figures "44." Pilot Vidal has been suspended until the matter of the striking of of the Raffing has been settled. The vessel left Iloilo for Hongkong without cargo."

MARKED DECLINE OF CHINESE BUYERS. REVIEW OF PAST YEAR'S DEALINGS.

It cannot be said with certainty that the Singapore property market during 1908 has shows any improvement, say Messrs. Powell and Company, Auctioneers and Valuers, in their annual report. Owing to the continued slackness in demand, fewer properties have been offered at auction, and with the exception of a murtgagee's sale of town 'premises for the sum | shouldn't do it. bof \$105,000, no very important sales have taken place. With a few exceptions, the prices have not been good when compared with those of five or six years ago.

A feature of the market during the past three lyears has been the large falling off in the number of Chinese buyers. It is said that the principal reasons for this decline are scarcity of l capital, lusses or reduced profits due to the fall in tin and other articles, and the less favourable conditions upon which the trade of the Colony exists.

LESS PROSPERITY.

Other reasons put forward by some of the Chinese who withhold investing in real estate are the expenses incufred in meeting the frequent and increasing municipal demands in councetion with alterations and repairs to pro to perform an operation by which it was hoped disappearance of plague, or does it indi perties of the tenement or shop-house class, -declining-renis,-the-large number-of-vacant-was successful, but other parts of the system in media other than living animals? houses, and the uncertainty as to the action which Government intends to take with re- results that will be deplored by so many animals do contain plague bacilli, but in the serence to a number of town leases which have stiends. He passed away quite peacefully and opinion of many they are harmless; for in a only some 30 to 35 years to run. Whatever free from pain, By his own wish he will be thort time "natural" disinfection is accompmay be the cause of the decline in fand invest. | buried at Inverness, a service being previously lished either by exposure of the plague bacilli ments on the part of the Chinese here, their held in London on 14th plt., at Trinity Church, to desiccation, or, in moist conditions, can hardly be a doubt that during the past three years or more there has been much-less prosperity amongst the Chinese trading community, and that condition, so important to them and the majority of Europeans engaged in business in Singapoie, is still unpleasantly apparent. Whilst this lack of profitable trade continues, there can be little prospect of improvement in the demand for properties or of botter prices being realised.

The prosperity of the popular dependency of the British Empire is largely due to Chipete enterprise and acumen's therefore the continuance of a strong property market depends considerably upon the future success of our Chinese traders who have contributed so much towards the development of the town and country districts, and in the bringing of a large and, until recent times, very profitable commerce to Singapore.

PRINCIPAL SALES.

The following are the principal property sales held at our sale-room during the year :---Six Chinese shop houses and a large godown known as Nos. 14 to 20 Telok Ayer Street, area 21,301 square teet, part leasehold for 99 years

and part teasehold for 999 years. Total monthly rent \$805. Bought for \$105,000. Three Chinese dwelling-houses known as Nos. 24, 24-1 and 24-2 Merchant Road, area 3,512 square feet, leasehold for 999 years.

(\$14,400) ... The Chinese dwelling house No. 233 Telok Ayer Street, area 2,926 square feet, leasehold for 999 years; the compound house No. 7 Mid-

dle Road, area.10,035 square feet, leasehold for 999 years. Sold in one lot for \$25,500. The Chinese shop-house No. 40. Marke street, area 1,067 square feet; leasehold for coo

years. (\$15,000). Two Chinese dwellings Nos. 95 and 96 New Bridge Road, area 2,450 square feet, freehold. (\$14,000).

About 78 acres of freehold land situate off Holland Road, adjacent to Tanglin Barracks. (\$10.000). Eight Chinese tenement houses known as

Nos. 29, 31, 33 and 35 Sago Street and Nos. 12 24, 26 and 28 Sago Lane, area 8,629 square feet, leasehold for 999 years (\$42,000). The land and European residence known as

Palmyra, Tanjong Katong, area 53,928 square Seven Chinese dwelling houses being Nos. 27-1 to 27-7 Killiney Road; area 12,286 square feet, freehold. (\$17,600). Ten Chinese dwelling-houses, being Nos. 14

to 23 Killiney Road, area 10,200 square feet, Four Chinesedwelling-houses being Nos. 23-

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Four destorey Chinese dwelling-houses Everything was interesting in the relations he- known as Nos. 5. 6. 7 and 8 Lloyd Road off twoen those two parts of the world, and each | Killiney Road, area 10,035 square feet, fre

and had a great future before thom. Latterly, For anchoring their bosts in the typhoon reha believed. Europeans, had been going to fuge at Causeway Bay without permission from indeed being despaired of He regained a effect from the 17th December, 1908, Ohina eyen for their amusements. Last year the Harbour Master, a sumber of boat people werrose was playing diabole. That same (3) in all) were food \$1 to the Marine Court table of the Late the Coveragent Treesury,

DANCING INSTRUCTOR SUED.

CLAIM ON A JOINT PROMISSORY HOTE. In the Supreme Court, last Thursday (Mr. Justice Competty presiding), an action was brought by Fung Chun Yuen, a contractor, of 5 Old Bailey, against J. H. Pidgeon, a dancing instructor, residing at 2, Pedder's Hill, and A. Abraham, a clerk in the employ of the Gas Company, to recover the sum of \$271.13, being the balance due from the first defendant as maker, and from the second defendant as guarautor, of a promissory note for \$300 dated the 27th June, 1906.

Mr. D. V. Steavenson (of Messrs. Deacon. Looker and Deacon) appeared for the plaintiff. while Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring) Barlow and Morrell) represented the first defendant, the second defendant appearing in person and admitted liability. Mr. Goldring said that the first defendant

Pidgeon) had filed his petition in bankfuptcy. He consented to judgment, but asked for a stay of execution.

Mr. Justice Gompertz -- You have no defence to put up?

Mr. Goldring-No. Mr. Steavenson objected to any stay of execution. The defendant, he said, had ignored the plaintiff, and then went away and engaged a lawyer to get his composition through. Mr. Goldring-The only reason why the

bankruptcy petition was filed was because of the hostile attitude of the plaintiff. Mr. Steavenson contended that the plaintiff was willing to come to terms with defendant." Mr. Goldring-There has been several ex-

ocutions made against Pidgeon. "He was ouch arrested by an avarice of an Indian, but it was Mr. Steavenson argued against the application for the stay of execution. Mr. Goldring reiterated that the only reason

why the petition was filed was because this writ was served. Mr. Justice Gompertz remarked that it was the custom to grant a stay when judgment was

consented to. . Mr. Steavenson stated that plaintiff was entitled to his money and it was for him to say whether a stay was agreeable to him. Plaintiff himself was being pressed for money by other persons, otherwise he would not have troubled defendant."

Mr. Goldring asked what was there to gain i a stay was not granted. The defendant Pidgeon had no money.

Mr. Steavenson-I can get him to sign a new promissory note and to get a guarantor. Why should plaintiff be deprived of his legal rights? Mr. Goldring-What my friend wants is to put the man in gaol. itr. Stenvengon-It won't pay me to do so.

Mr. Justice Compertz - I will grant a stay o execution till Tuesday. Mr. Steavenson-Why?" The Court is not here to protect defendants.

Mr. Justice Compertz-I don't sec-Ah Mr. Steavenson renewed his objection. Mr. Justice Gompertz-I don'tuike to see

man jo gaol for debt except in strong Mr. Steavenson-I did not say I woulded Mr. Justice Gompertz-But there is at very

strong suggestion. Jud, ment was entered for the plaintiff with costs, and a stay of execution granted ul fuesday next.

SIR BIVEN-CAMERON K.C.M HIS CAREEN

We much regret to Canounce that Sir Ewen Cameron died on the morning of tothrult nat his residence, Maresfield-gardins, Hampstead, London. It was found necessary on 8th ult. to avoid blood poisoning. The operation itself were attacked with unitorinoately, the fatal is a fact that the excreta of plague-infected

Hampstend. where he successfully managed that important severe criticism, of not to condemnation,branch of the bank for sixteen years, succeed- Journal of Tropical-Medicine, ing Mr. David McLeau, who founded and did so much to develop the bank's business in Central and North China. . The estimation in which Mr. Cameron was held by financia circles in Shanghai may well be gathered from the following brief extract from a farewell adv dress presented to him on the occasion of his departure for England in 1889:-" When at 5.30 p.m.

you arrived here in 1873 the bank of which you then assumed the management had a com: paratively limited influence. You leave it today the great financial institution of Shaughai, and the centre of a widely extended system of banking facilities in the north of China. This unexampled success is, we believe, largely due to your realous care of its interests, and to the never-failing courtesy extended to everyone who has had business relations with it. Wo may say, indeed, that by your exertions and parade. under your guidance it has greatly contributed to the development of the trade of the Port, and to the prosperity of the community—a work of which you may be justly proud. We think we Eveleigh, R.G.A., will attend. shall best consult your own feelings if we forbear to dwell upon your many acts of private beneficence, but it is well known that your hands have been always ready to respond to instructions." the generous promptings of your heart." In London Sir Ewen succeeded the late Mr. David Eastern merchants, with whom he had many musketry course are requested to attend.

important business transactions, from the staff over which he presided, and from all who were brought in any way into personal contact with at King's Park Range on Saturday next, the tact and courtesy, long commanded feelings of requested to attend in good time. universal respect, and he in no small degree added to the dignity of the institution in the portant a part for many years. It is perhaps | mext, the 10th instant. not widely known that his advice on Chinese matters, not only of finance but also in the political way, was greatly valued by the Foreign | company will take place at Tal Hang Range on Office, and especially by the late Lord Salis- Sunday next, toth inst., commencing at 9.30 a.m. bury. It was doubtless in recognition of these services that the honour of Knight Commander | Gunner C. Humphreys !s granted leave of of the Order of St. Michael and St. George was l'absence out of the Colony for 12 months with conferred in 1900. His active service at the effect from the 30th December, 1908. bank terminated in January, 1005. In 1904 ht . Bombr. R. L. Greenhill is granted leave of had had to undergo a severe operation, his life absence out of the Colony for 12 months with

Chinese Corporation, of which he was one of the lounders. At his decease, he was a member of the London Committee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and a director of Part's Bank. His broad views and sound judgment had much to do with the prominent part the bank has taken in Chinese and Japanese Government loans, besides having much to do with the relations that existed between the bank and the Imperial Governments. On' the Continent, also, whither he went several times on matters relating to Chinese, loans, he won golden opinions amongst his fellow bankers. Sir Ewen wa married in 1878 to Josephine, youngest daugh ter of the late John Houchen, of Theiford Notfolk, and leaves issue two sons and daughter, by whom, as well as by the many friends, whether of earlier days in Shanghai of those made in London, be will be most sincerely mourned. During the years he was actively at work in Lombard street it is merely expressing the opinion generally held to say that he was not only liked, but often genuinely baloved. He was ever cheerful and ready to assist all : his kindly sentiments brought universal appreciation. It was only two short weeks ago that our, own columns contained a kindly message on the occasion of our special number. Such messages, it was Sir Ewen's wont to accord to all who had the pleasure and it was a genuine pleasure-to be brought into relations. with him .- L. & G. Express.

PLAGUE DISINFECTION.

The question of plague, disinfection, especially in India, is one of the utmost importance. experiments in India, conducted by Captain T. H. Gloster, I.M S., and reported officially by Captain W. Glen-Litton to the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, help towards a better understanding of the subject; but cannot be said to settle the matter. Many of the observers of to-day take it for granted tilkt plague is communicated to man from rats by means of rat fleas, and that the disease is seldom, if ever, except by accident, transmitted directly from sick persons to healthy individuals. It is further regarded that contact with excrete of sick animals is rarely the means by which the disease is acquired, for excreta, even if they contain bacilli, are, as a rule, harmless. The unreserved acceptance of these axioms is scarcely justified from the evidence to hand. The experiments of the plague Research Commission Phave not carried conviction to the extent that nothing further can be said. That rat fleas are the sole channel of infection is, perhaps unifortunately, not universally believed, nor is the harmlessness of the excretaof plaguesinfected men or malmals established. Plague in man has developed and spread when neither rats nor flens were found injected; this. has been shown again and again, not as the result of opinion or of slovenly-conducted investigation, but under strict inquiry made by experts of undoubted stonding.

It is impossible, with the conflicting opinions of so many capable observers, for the interested bystander to arrive at aifinal conclusion. If the destruction of rats and their fleas is the only means of arresting plagues seeing that, in the opinion of many, in them alone can plague bacilli live, then all disinfection is merely indirect or useless. A pullcide, such as kerosine oil emulsion, by killing the fleas, would, on thi Assumption, be all that is required. We are Fraid the matter is not so simple. Do the plague bacilli so readily succumb as

wish us to believe They show wonderful evidence of vitality comlidering the disinclination the rat flea bas to steack man. The bacillus has to nass through three animals, from the rat to flear, from fleas horman. Any bitch in this channel of transmission would engan either the speeds cate the existence of the plague bacillus brought about by the development and multi-Sir Ewen Cameron was the son of Mr. Wil- | plication of saprophytic bacteria which are liam Cameron of Mackeyje, Inverness shire, [inimical to the existence of plague bacilli and was bord in 1841. He commenced his Should "patural" disinfection fail, --what business career in the Caledonian Bank, In- then ?. We are not in a polition to discount verness. - After a few years in that institution | the infivantages in the absolute necesshe joined the Bank of Hindustan, China, and lity, of using disinfectants; we cannot be con-Japan, proceeding later to the bank's branch, tent with pulicides, alone as a means of at Hongkong. When that bank went into leliminating plague, nor can we rely on soliquidation his services were secured in 1867, called " natural" disinfection. A mixture of that is two years after its establishment, by the | equal parts of petrol and cyllic constitutes a Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in Hongkong. Feliable pulicide and bactericide, and has been He was associated with the bank ever since, proved experimentally and plactically of the first in India and China; and for the last eighteen | highest efficiency, and to neglect the free use years in Londonc In the East Mr. Cameron, of this compound in outbreaks of plague lays as he then was, was best known in Shanghai, those in charge of municipal sanitation open to

> POLUNIEER CORPSORDERS. INFANTRY COMPANY.

Musketry Course,-The judging distance test will be carried out on the Happy Valley on Monday, 11th January. Parade at Monument

Route March. Parade at Causeway Bay on Saturday, 16th January, at 2 p.m. Dress :- Khaki and putties, tifle and sidearms, service dress cap. ARTILLERY COMPANIES.

Parade at headquarters' at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the rith, 12th, 13th and 15th January, respectively, training for Saunders' cup competition. Atl officers and specialists should attend every

TAIKOO DETACHMENT. Parade: At Taikoo at 5.30 p.m. on Thurs day, the 14th January, for gun drill. Sergeant ENGINEER COMPANY:

Parade:-At West Fort, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 13th January, for technical MUSKETRY.

Musketry will be carried out at King's Park McLean as he had done at Shanghai. His Range all dayon Sunday next, the roth instant, the fortunate lot of the Sydney staff, and the name has been so well known in financial cir. by the engineer and infantry companies comcles here, that it is scarcely decessary to say mencing at 9am. Il members of the above anything by way of eulogy. From bankers and companies who have not yet completed their WHITE HORSE TROPHY. The shoot for the above trophy will take place

him, Sir Ewen, by his great abilities and know. | 9th instant, commencing at 2,30 p.m. Memledge of Eastern affairs, and by his invaluable bers selected to shoot in this competition are MO, I COMPANY H KV.A. The next shoot for the above company will

guidance of whose interest he played so im- take place at Tal Hang Range on Sunday. HO. 2 COMPANY HEV.A. The third monthly cup shoot for the above

Considerable measure of health, but he gave up The Ki. VOLUMTEER DANCE the active duties of madager, and bucame, out, ... Members an reminded that sames and those of the London committee. At the same time of guests invited should be sent in to the Hi be resigned by directorable of the British and I Secretary without further delay.

OUT OF CHINA. TWENTY STOWAWAYS FOUND ON

THE "RASTERN."

HIDDEN AMONGST THE CARGO. Twenty-two days in a ship's hold, in an at mosphere which was probably never less than one of Sydney's hottest days! Never a breath of fresh air, emaciated by sickness and semi starvation ! That has been the experience of 20 luckless Chinese on the R. and A. mail steamer Eastern, who yesterday fell into the clutches of the Customs officers, and will be returned to Hongkong as undesirable immigrants whom the Commonwealth will have none of reports the Sydney Daily Telegraph of 5th ult.

The Eastern arrived early yesterday morning from Japan and Hongkong via ports, and after passing the port health officer, came up to herusual berth at Circular Quay. Customs-efficar Doughue and M'Manus and a staff of seatchers immediately boarded her. There were a number of Chinese passengers on board, and these, together with the Chinese crew, were mustered, checked, and duly passed. "Next the upper portions of the ship were carefully searched for stowaways, but without result. Probing about among the cargo in No. 1 hold, in the torward part of the ship, the searchers, in charge of Mr. Cannell, came across a clue." Fresh orange 'peel was picked up. . It had no business there," Certainly none of the search party had eaten oranges on the vessel that morning, and it was scarcely probable that the stevedores who shifted the cargo at the last port of call were. likely to have dropped orange peel at the place where it was found. The fact was suspicious to say the least of it, and wanted some explant-The search was pursued with every caution. Shortly after further evidence of the existence somewhere in the hold of unauthorised passengers of some description came to light. Vessels which had held drinking water were discovered, and other signs were met with which convinced the search party that they were on the verge of a discovery. it

The mystery was solved only after some 40 or to tons of cargo had been removed, and the "find" was as unexpected as it was remarkable. Out of two small chambers on the port and starboard sides of the hold to Chinese were drawn-mean, pitiful-looking specimens of their race, begrimed with dust and filth, weak and helpless, many of them seemingly discused, and some little more than skeletons. Their hiding-place had been cunningly built. Right down against the bulkhead which divides No. 1, hold from the next compartment there had been left spaces-"cubby houses," they call them—on the port and starboard sides of the ship, measuring, perhaps, 4ft. in width ch, in height, and 8h, or 10h. long, The cargo stowers in that hold obviously were in the secret. An ingenious, brain among them evolved the idea. At the exact spot where the "cubby houses" existed are the loose timber boards which give access to the keel for cleanthe out the accumulation of bilge water. In ordinary circumstances cargo should-have been slowed on top of these; but not so in the present instance. Perhaps the space-of two cases. was left clear, and the next layer of cargo so placed as to cover up the aperture, which, nowever, had a communication tunnel running in and among the chigo, until it was apparently possible, by shifting a case, for any tenant of the chamber to find his way to the topmost layer of the cargo in the hold, where the air was fresher, and the space less cramped. That, at any rate, is the theory of the Customs officers, based on observations made during their search, and evidence met with by the way. The exact passage could not be traced, as so much of the cargo had been suifted before the Chinese could bereached Eleven stowaways were taken from the chamber on the starboard side of the ship, and nine from that on the port side, making a total of 20

in all -one of the biggest hauls yet made. The unfortunate aliens were in a state complete collapse when discovered, and i seemed doubtfut if one of their number would survive the dreadful ordeal he had undergone in an atmosphere which, as one of the Customs officers declared, was "enough to give you headache for the rest of your life." Range on deck they presented a pitiable spectacle yout of them were suffering from skill eruptions, and all were more or less emaciated. The ship's doctor, who first examined them, inclined to the opinion that the skin trouble was due to the fact that the hold contained some 200 tons of sulphur. The fumes from this, and the vitiated atmosphere of the space in which the Howaways were found, together with insufficienty of food and exercise, would amply amount for their

Captain Green, marine superintendent to the company, as soon as the discovery of the stowaways was made known reported the matter to the Board of Health and subsequently the Chief Health Officer (Dr. Ashburton Thompson) and Dr. Wills boarded the vessel and examined the Chinese. Their allment, however, was not contagious, but as before stated, is attributable to the effects of their close confine-

ment under the circumstances described. Before the men were brought on deck Mr. Donoghue had finger impressions taken for identification purposes. The Chinese were subsequently given over to the charge of the ship's' officers, who are held responsible fortheir sale. keeping until they can be returned to Hongkong. The penalty for permitting enyone of the number to land is L.too, consequently the full contingent represents a liability of £2,000. They will be returned to Hongkong on the next-trip made by the Basiera.

How they got aboard is a secret known only to themselves, and those with whom they were in league. The vessel was searched at Hongkong before leaving. This is a customary duty by the ship's officers, knowing the risks they run if they bring prohibited immigrants to the Commonwealth. On the voyage out three "surpriso " inspections were made, but nothing was discovered. The ship was again searched by the Customs authorities at Brisbane, but evidently they did not drop on the clues, such as was stowaways escaped detecton until yesterday. What they hoped to accomplish here was no doubt to escape under cover of the darkness. once the hatches were off. In this they have been thwarted, and their long voyage, with its dreadful discomforts, has gone for nought, ...

Mr. Danoghue has no doubt that some of the [Kowloon] Chinese crew on the ship knew the secret of the | Gravitation } passengers in the hold, and kept them supplied with a certain amount of food and water. Of course the crew deny all connection with the matter, "No savee !" and a shake of the head is the utmost information to be gained from the stolid compatriots of the luckless 20 who made so bold a bid for the freedom of a colonial life.

THE county cruiser Bedford, Captan Seymous R. Reskins, will terminate her two years com mission with the China Squadron is Fabruary next. She will be kept on the stallon, and to that dod a new crew will be despatched to Hongkong this month, and on arrival here Captain Rrakine will pay off the old crew and his successor will ! recommission the cruiser: Captain Etakine's paried of command explant, water is of arcallent quality. on lane to next, and also the foreign service of 1 no other officers of the Bedferd.

THE SHATIN TRACEDY.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

The case in which a Chinaman was charged with the alleged murder of an Indian labourer at Shatin on the 18th ulto, was concluded before Mr. J. H. Kemp last Thursday, when the prisoner received his discharge. Deputy. Superintendent King prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, while the prisoner was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring; Barlow and Morrell). 199

Hajara Singh related that on the evening of the 18th December last, at about IT o'clock, he was awakened by cries of "save life" from his comrades Jewar Singh (deceased) and Moola Singh, who were sleeping in the same matshed. Witness jumped from his bed and saw ton Chinese, some of whom carried torches. The men were all hitting the deceased. Witness got, a stick and ran' to the door with a riew of assisting his friend, but was prevented from going out on account of the door being bolted by some of the Chinese. He recognised the prisoner as one of the men, because he was holding a torch at the time. He rushed back and jumped out of the matched through a window and reported the matter to Mr. Stein. He told the latter that he was struck by prisoner, and he knew the prisoner because he was the man who had struck him.

In the course of cross-examination by Mr. d'Almada, witness admitted that he had known the defendant for about four months. He often saw bim during the day. He was very much frightened at the time, as the distance between his bed and the window was only about six feet. Alle he did was to get a stick and rush to the door. and when he saw the Chinese there, he rushed back and jumped out of the window. There, was no light in the matched and he could not see what the men were doing in the decessed's matshed. He further stated that the prisoner was arrested at 2 a.m. (about three hours after the murder) when the man was sleeping quietly in the matshed.

Mr. King asked his Worship to allow him to withdraw the charge, inasmuch as he considered the evidence did not warrant his proceeding with the case.

.The accused was forthwith discharged.

FIRE IN CEBO.

\$500,000 DAMAGES.

Fire in the business section of Cebu doing damage estimated at from P300,000 to P500,000 occurred in that city on the night of December . 31, laying the greater portion of the business. section mainly occupied by Chinese, in ruing, reports the Mantla Times, of and inst. The fire is supposed to have originated in the Palace Hotel managed by J. H. Kipp and found casy way through the lighter constructed houses. For a time, according to reports from the city, the whole town was threatened as the fire was beyond the control of the local fire department and many people gathered their belongings together in readiness to leave the

All of the importing firms in the city suffered but the loss falls most heavily on the Chinese. through whose section the fire raged most fiercely. The fire swept through that part of the city which was devastated by fire about three years ago and where since that time build ings have been constructed valued at more than half a million pesos.

Up to noon to day no news had been received! by the Insular Collector from Collector Rafferty at Cobu, and the Jocal insurance compapies in this city had seceived no definite information as to the amount of damage done but the estimate of the companies here places the damage at P500,000 at least? This morning a wire was received at Constabulary headquarters from Captain Boren at Cebu placing

ine damage at P300,00 J. A telegram was received this morning by the Executive Secretary from the Governor of Cebu, giving a few details of the fire. The message stated that the best improved part of the city. was in ruins, and the loss was estimated atfully Psososo. The Governor gives great credit to the constabulary and military for Draventing the spreading of the fire.

WATER RETURN

Level and storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st January.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS ytam... Overtion 23'- 7" below CytamBye-Overgow 2' 41" above o' 1 i below ) 'ytam 'Intermediate . Loverflow 6 71" below 8' of below )

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Wong-nai-thung 📜 1,132,000 549,968,000: Total ...... 577,894,000 Consumption of water in the City and Hill District during the month of December.

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\$1,550,000

Consumption....129,972,000 135,540,000 gallons Estimated 207,810 population

Consumption per head per 21.0 gallons day ..... Constant supply throughout the City during

December in both years. .The return of journmention is subject to error owing to the difficulty of surement whilst the extension works at Albany Filter Beds are in progress.

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The Government Analyst reports that the

#### The "Fatshan" Incident.

ROWDIES' ATTEMPT TO BOYCOTT STEAMER.

BRITISH CONSUL'S PROMPT ACTION.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Yesterday morning, placards bearing the names of Fok Wing Fuk and Pak Yu Shi were found posted in various public places throughout the city, by which public feeling was greatly aroused. The people were water ed not to patronison any more the steamer Fatshan and to boycoll ber immediately from vesterday. The Fatshan was of course scheduled to leave here at 5.30 p.m. in the afternoon on her usual trip, and expected to carry as usual a number of passengers and cargo; but as the result of the impression given in the placards, the appearance of the steamer lying at her what seemed to have become an object attracting the people is large numbers, especially the lower classes, to gether around in the vicinity of her wharf. No doubt some of the intending passeogers disregarded what was said in the placards and others were entirely ignorant of them. When coming down the whatf to board the steamer, some of the passungers had their luggage snatched by certain mischief makers who were working partly for their own benefit and partly on the pietext of giving warning to the passengers. After a few incidents of this nature had taken place, great excitement prevailed among the people, and matters become disorderly. Crowds of people then collected and cause ed great confusion; some of them threatened to burn the steamer and others to lop off the cars of anyone who should attempt to board her... At about 3 o'clock, there were already on board the stenmer over a hundred passengers; all of a sudden, some of the scoundrels got among the passengers and insinuated that they should go up and fall in line with the boycott movement. As things looked ugly, the Fatshan had to leave her where and moored out of the harbour opposite. Shanteen in order to prevent troub'e. The passengers who were already on board the steamer began running to and fro to leave the vessel and not one was found remnining on board; the cargo that was already loaded by the Chinese merthe British Consul-General at once telephoned to the Viceroy informing himsof what had happened and askeds, him to immediately send

have reached the present state. here with the Klougta and two other gunboats for the West River to make an inspection.

This moraing, the Taotai of Constability

Figured a proclamation with orders to effect the

arrest of the ringleaders and to suppress the

boycott, It is an unfortunate circumstance

the Viceroy to proceed to her wharf with no less than a hundred soldiers to, protect the ve sel on her arrival here to-day at 4 20 p.m.

PORTUGUESE CONSUL AND VICEROY CHANG:

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SELE-GOVERNMENT

been exchanged between the Portuguese Conrelating to the Fatshan incident. We give clamation. This is a side issue and no refer. European Police Officer, and a summons below free translations of the two documents.

as follows :--1 find that deaths often occur on board steamers running between Canton and Hongkong, because it is usual for Chinese who are sick to embark on board-steamers and return to their native Country, and when they die en route report will be made-to-the Eong Pin Hospital which will attend to their burial. It is to be feared that the present instance is one of the cases of that nature. It was simply because a boy of 15 conceived the idea of making a lake accusation against Noronba [the watchman] for kicking a passenger to death and be passed round to the passengers what he had conceived in his mind. The captain at once summoned the boy and questioned him and was exceedingly surprised with his statement. then asked the passengers if anyone saw with his own eyes the watchman kick the passenger | against him. to death; but no one gave any reply. It is clear that of the witnesses examined by the British Consul-General not a single one was an eye-witness.

The false accusation was only made by this boy of fifteen, and the moment he arrived in Capton he bolted, and there was no means of ascertaining from him how he saw the thing done. Therefore there is no other evidence upon which Novonha can be charged, spart from the false accusation of this boy. False all at once. Therefore, those who pretend patriotism to their country say that they saw. ment society, or privately coached as to what to | continue her voyage: say, The evidence for the prosecution, clearly, The Tachaso Maru was expected to arrive by those on board he steamer who collectand the tickets in company with Notobba

thow up more clearly the falls avidence given

However, let us put ailde the false evi dence and deal only with the post mortem examination. The examination was twice: held by an English doctor at the time, the same doctor that you engaged to hold the examination, If you have any doubt in the English declor, why should you send him. again to hold another examination? You should accept the doctor's certificate vrithout the slightest hesitation. Moreover, there is no other scientific doctor who has argued against the way in which he had conducted the examina-According to the doctor's certificate it is clear that the Chinaman who died on board the Fotskan died of satural causes, and

that there were no marks of vio ence. There the matter should endi-"If you, wish me to held another trial it will be necessary to procure truthful now witnesses, who shall be examined by me. and if the accused is really guilty I will then fix a date for holding a proper trial in Court. However, at the examination in the first instance which is not a Mixed Court inquiry. the local officials are not required to attend; the reporters of the Press and outsiders cannot come and listen. Since the matter is one con-

cerning the life of a Chinese subject and as it is

desired to prevent the public from making a

pretext to hold discussions you may send an

official of Tantai rank who understands French to come and listen, and it will be so much the better if he can understand English as well. During the inquiry, however, the deputy can only take down the evidence; he has no right to examine witnesses; only I myself have the power of a Judge in examining the witnesses. If I find from the evidence that it is a false charge. I should ask you to deal with the parties concerned severely. If the Press'should discuss the matter in such a way as to incite the people, or use language offersive to me, they should also be punished. If you comply with the conditions enumerated above, I shall thank you to send an early

· THE VICEROY'S REPLY. "'Following is a translation of an extract of the

Viceroy's reply:---With regard to the various points raised by you, it appears that you have prejudged the case before you have had a Mixed Court trial. In every tespect, you try to exonerate the accused which is unreasonable. I find that Noronba is not the only-ticket collector on board the Fatshan, and the name of the person who was accused, of kicking a chants was also taken out before her passenger to death was not given. How was departure. When things were geiting serious, I it that Normha surrendered himself? During the inquiry at the British Consulate, the evidence given by witnesses was very clear. and the accused did not say a word in defence. troops to guard the ateamer against any emer. | which can be construed as an admission of his gency. On hearing of the occurrence the Vice- | guilt. There were discrepancies in the evidso roy without loss of time ordered the Taotai of lence of the Chief Officer and members of the Constabulary, the Taotal for the Development Acrew. With regard to the post-mortem exof Native Industries, the two Brigadier-Gen- | amination held by a foreign doctor, the Chiesals, the two District Magistrates of Namhoi | hese officials cannot accent that. I find in the and Panyu and the Shameen Guard to pro- hurth year of Tung Chi, an Englishman shot ceed to the scene to restore order. At a land wounded a Chinaman in Hankow. 'Again. \* liltle past 4 o'clock the above officials were in the eighth year of Tung Chi an Englishman present at the whave with soldier and police-shot and killed a Chinaman, thoth cases were lined up to the 'number of a few hundred, | decided according to the examination held by

and on their arrival the mob was gradue the Hamyang district magistrate and Shanghai ally dispersed and everything resumed their magistrate. In this case, a Portuguese former tranquillity. The efficials remained on kickeds a Chinaman to death, and the the spottill the greamer left at 5 o'clock. After Namhoi magistrate examined, the body fifty blue jackets from the British guaboats were and found marks of violence. Therefore in placed on board, the Falskan returned to her agodidance with the precedence already eswhat once more to receive the mail packets | tablished in those two cases, the examination | time have been issued to the Police, says the and less for Hongkong without surther incidents. I held by the district imagistrate, should be ac! Penang Guzette, labidding wholesale arrests cepted as proof. As to how the accused should I for breaches of this offence. Except under be tried for his offence Article L1. of the exceptional circumstances, the procedure is Treaty ought to be adhered to whereby Chinese officials should, in conjunction with the that the result of the Fatih n incident should. Consul, hold an inquiry and see justice done. The two words "U: Tung" combined, hav ngul Yesterday morning Admiral Li Chun left been embodied in the Treaty, it will be necessary for the officials of the two countries to sit together and hear the case. Both have the pean members of the Police force will as a rule was still chievained with regard to the power of examining the witnesses for the pro- | be allowed to make arrests for this offence. safety of the steamer futskin; the Brigadier- secution and for the defence. Moreover, in General of Kwangchow was again detailed by | deciding the case, the decision should be a just | STRAITS CHINESE PATITION GOVERNMENT. | other provinces." one. It is only proper that people should be ! allowed to come to the Court and listen to the Etho:proceedings so that the public should be aff vid-' ed an oppositionity of discussing matters there- made a successful move on behalf of their cominnent. You pointed out the witnesses for the prosecution as having been bribed or bought. there and who might naturally be unacquainted Who are the persons that gave the bribes, and with the provisions of the spitting Ordinance. who are the persons that accived the bribes? (which has recently become law. In reply to a Is there any proof? This should also be in- | petition, addressed by the Headmen to W.E. quired into. It will not do to make a false I the Governor, they have been informed that The Sheung Po. of 29th ult., publishes ex- allegation. With regard to the Press, they | no action will be taken against a person tracts of two communications, which have have the liberty to publish what they hear. Any comments about the case when sub in the Colour, and no arrest is to be sul at Canton and Viceroy Chang Jen-chun, judice I have altogether piblibited by my pr - made under the Ordinance, except by a

> LETTER BY NATIVE PRESS SOCIETY THREATENED PROTEST AGAINST

be prejudiced by public criticisms.

ence should be made therein. What you ought

PORTUGUESE CONSUL. This morning, the native paper Kwok Sec P. published a letter which was addressed to the Portugueso Consul at Cinton by the Native-Press Society, asking him to reply to it within three days time, giving satisfactory explanations as to his complaint against the native papers in their report regarding the Fathan case, "It is stated in the letter that should the Consul fail to give a reply within the limited time, the Press Society will take steps to protest

COLLISION NEAR CHINKIANG.

RIVER STRAMERS DAMAGED.

On Tuesday afternoon, as reported in our In the Suprems Court, this morning, the special Shaughai telegram, a collision between | Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) presiding. the Nisthin Kiren Kaisha steamer Techang Sir Henry Berteley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Mars and the Chinese steamer Singles, took O. D. Thomson, moved, on behalf of Chan for the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ed., proceeded place in Silver Island Pass, near Chinkiang Kung Yui and Chan Yu Shi, for the granting against Frank Gehrmann, a seaman of the s.s. as a result of which both vessels were of an interim injunction pending an action for Batoum, with deserting from his ship on the accusation is just like oil on a coat; it spreads damaged and had to be beached. The Tackong slleged libel to restrain Lam Kok Sang, his 3rd inst. Prosecutor produced a letter from Marm was bound up river from Shanghai and sgents or servants from printing, publishing or the master of the Balgum informing him of was overteken by the Singles in Silver Island Pass; selling a book cell Chan Fong Pa. with their own eyes, and in conjunction with and a collision occurred, the Singles striking. Sir Henry: Bukeley stated that Mr. Chan Defendant stated that he went ashore to get the unlawful Belf-Government Society look upon her on the starboard side just below the water Kung Yui was a married man. The cause a glass of beer, and when he returned, the ship Mainiche tays that owing to the financial The Chinese emphatically assert that Yuan thismatter, in which moffence had been commit- line. The Tachang Mary began to take in water for the motion to grant the order was a bad gone tedand which is a matter of ordinary occurrence, and the pumps were set going; but despite this, certain publication in the Cylony which pub. Defendant was ordered to forfeit all effects as if it were a matter of the greatest moment, | Captain Tsuji decided to beach his vessel and lished the mames, accomplishments, etc., of on board, and wages carned and sentenced to with the result that the people in Canton beur | did so near Golden Island. The Singles sus. | Chinese women of doubtful character. The one month's hard labour. hatred against fereigners and Chinese man- | tained considerable damage about the bows, book, Counsel stated, further contained pordarips. The accused had been employed by and was also beached. Operations to free the traits of the persons mentioned in the letter-Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for upwards of | Tachang Mary of water were continued and it | press. A portrait of the plaintiff's wife was to twenty: years and also discharged his duties | was then found that the damage was not so be found among one of these. A more terriwell. He could not help having enemies to great as was first surmited. The cargo, which ble or grosser bel, Sir Henry emphatically bring charges against him. As a matter of fact, was stored in the tween decks, escaped dam. declared, it would be impossible to conceive Nowever, he never once did anything wrong. age entirely, as only the lower holds were filled than putting the woman in such an almanac charged with being on board the s.s. Catherine the figures for the preceding ten days, the total and was never once charged by anybody. with water. Fortunately none of the past an almanac of the prostitutes of the Colony. Being a Portuguess subject he should come sengers were injured by the collision, all being Counsel was aware of the fact that the Court under the jurisdiction of his Consul, but at the safely landed. The Singles did not fare, so would only grant injunctions in cases of libel that at 4 30 p.m. vesterday he was on duty on step, showing an excess of Y70,265;349 in im-

thought scensed was a British | beached, but this was done by her captain in than the allegation against the publisher of subject, he fixed a date for the hearing, order to avoid a collision with the two vessels | the book in question. From the evidence of the witnesses for the shove mentioned. Asfers we can ascertain no After the huband's affidavit was read and prosecution is is periodily clear that they were great damage has been sustained by the Kiang. | further particulus submitted to the Court, the either bribed or bought by the Self-Govern- ching, and as soon, as the is floated she will by the Self-Govern- ching, and as soon, as the is floated she will by the Self-Govern-

is a tissue of falseboods and the evidence given | at Shanghai on 5th inst, in tow of the Yohong Maru, and she will be docked for overboul and ropairs. The Singles will, we understand, need temporary repairs belote the can come down

Spitting Nuisance.

CONCILIATORY SUGGESTIONS

The following letter was received from the Colonial Secretary forwarding a minute by H. E the Governor relative to the expectorating bablt and was laid on the table at the meeting ( fibe Sanitary Board last Tuesday afternoon :--Colonial Secretary's Office,

28th December, 1908. Sir,-With reference to your letter No. 9.773/c7 of the 28th of last a January, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Board the enclosed copy of a minute by His Excellency, the Governor dated the 21st

2. I am to suggest that the Sanitary Board should invite the public to provide spitoons and should issue notices in Chinese on the subject. " I am, etc.

F. H. MAY. Colonial Secretary. The Secretary, Sanitary Board.

[Exclosure.]

Colonial Secretary.—There is no reason why steps should not be taken without further delay

in the matter of the spitting nuisnace. (a) I think it might be suggested to occupants of flats, etc. that they should provide spitones in the ball, passages and steirways. They should be of metal, and either fixtures containing sand, etc., or chained to a fixture so as not to be stolen. Government offices, Post Office, etc., should be so provided at once.

(b) The Registrar-General should instruct the lecturers on hygiene and sanitation to point this is simply to depend on the eyes and cars ling, 1908, half mile. out the danger to health caused by pulverised of one or two men, there can be no proper innasal and pectoral excreta being inhaled, and vestigation, as to whether opium-taking has how it has been conclusively proved that been suppressed or not. pulmonary diseases are thus propagated. Also that meat and other eatables exposed for sale at is that expectorators should use the drains | ter of official pratence. and gutters and not the pavements.

(at first at any rate) be worded in a conciliatory of opium for three years. In this report it is ter Meeting, one and a quarter miles. way. Something like the following "Please | stated that the cosumption of opium in the prodo not spit " (or eject matter from the nose) on the pavement, but when in a house use the was only forty-five piculs; then it is evident that spitoons provided, and when in the street, use the local officials are acting sincerely and that (three Derby griffins and the well-known the drains or side gutters. The habit of spitting both the smoking and cultivation of opium has Kirkwood) for Mr. W. J. Gresson, Of the been proved to cause diseases of the lungs, prescribed in the rules for gradually reducing the best. In racing circles it is whispered that which are so prevalent in Hongkong.

agree with the missie of H.E. the Governor. which embodies the suggestions made at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 10th collectors' statistics, which are in no sense to be liwhich he was purchased. November last. Effect should be given to it | tegarded as sufficient proof. Only in the Tar-

(Id.), F. D. L.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak:—I have no objection to natices advising people, not to spit in public places, but I am not in favour of any legislation in the matter.

JUDICIOUS POLICE ORDERS.

In connection with an amendment to the l-Minor "Cilelices Ordinance which forbids spitting in public places, and so forth, instructo be by summors, but the Assistant Superintendents of Police are not to grant permission for such summons to be issued until they have made inquiry and ascertained that the case is of a sufficiently aggravated nature to warrant publishment. Only Euro-

have the Taiping correspondent of the Straits

The Chinese community of the Colony have patriots outside its limits, who might arrive I for aputting until he had been two days will only be taken out in cases reported The Portuguese Consul wrote to the Viceroy | to do is to be unbiassed and just; none should | by the native police after inquire by a European Inspector or N. C. O. The very necessity for the passing of this restrictive and protective order would seem to indicate that this last piece of patrustehal legislation, is likely to cause more generally barm than any there fir good from a sanitary point of view. Among the two large sections of the communily, the Chinese and Klings, spitting is a habit which almost amounts to a second nature with the former. With regard to the latter, addicted as they are to chewing betel, the practice is a necessity. Under these conditions the enforcement of the Ordinince is calculated to operate of) them hardly, especially in the case of Mahomedans, who during Bulan Pussa, or fasting month, are forbidden from even swal lowing their own saliva between sunrise and

ALLEGRD LIBEL.

ORDER (FOR INTERIMINJUNCTION GRANTED.

British Consul received your communication | well, as portion of her cargo was damaged. | where the injury was serious, but then, Sin calling for an inquiry and as the British The Chinese steamer Klangching is also Henry argued, nothing could be more serious

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Opium Suppression.

"A CLAP OF THUNDER AND A HIGH WIND."

Poppy. Cultivation in Kansu and Kiangs

The following is a translation of a memorial come to Hougkong to contest for honours, a presented by Tal Pu. Tartar General of Ning hele, on the subject of the suppression of opium. The significant document appeared in the Official Gasette of December 17, 1908: "We have received repeated instructions yesterday moming that the P. and O. steamer. that if we do not exert ourselves in the matter

wash away the country's shame, increase | cidentally, a cargo of tea, for England? the nation's power, or guard against future calamity. The consequences involved are great and this cannot be carried on in the usual way of conducting official business, is, "complying in the light and disobeying in the dark! We formerly received the dispatch of the Commission for the Suppression of Opium, ordering us within two months to send a list of the officers and soldiers in the Tertar city of Ninghile who were addicted to the use of opium. Now the opium smokers in the Tartar garrison nie very many, more than fifty or sixty per cent. We ask for an extension of the time so that alter making a strict investigation of the matter a list of those who truly cannot break off the onium habit may be sout in.

"We wish to act honestly without pretence In this matter of prohibiting opium and getting rid of the opium craving, if a suitable remedy is not provided by which the disease may be cured, they will only regard the order to break off opium as "a clap of thunder god a bigh wind" and the opium smokers will merely

"The gradual suppression of the growth of opium yearly for ten years, to be reported on are also thus infected. That the object aimed by the official of every province will be a mat-

vince of Kansu in the 33rd year of Kuang Hsu [ the amount during a period of ten years. the officials sent by the Board of Revenue to investigate Kansu province arrived at Ninghaia in the middle of the 8th moon. At that time Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted :- I quite the opium had been all gathered and there tar city of Ninghaia a supply of less than demands of the smokers, Forty-five piculs would be insufficient for the one Tartar city. vince consumes only this amount? If the Board of Revenue only relies on this statement 10 say that the number of smokers has decreased, it appears evident that in a few years the deep-seated disease will be eradicated.

"But if the Court regards this talk as true, at the end of the ten years the injury will be indescribable. "Another case is Tehuahsien in Kiangsi. The report says that the annual production is 660 oz.

Now the better class of land produces about are ez, a mow. If the report is correct, Tehushsien has only three or four mow under black pony helonging to The Buffs. cultivation of opium. The merest-casual traveller could not believe that. Since Kansu

The remainder of the memorial describes a method of treatment devised by Chao-Kuochin of Shantung, which the General proposes to use in the compulsory treatment of the opium smokers of the Tarter city of Ninghaia. and closes with the proposal that the cultivation of the poppy be absolutely prohibited next year, since the returns, for the gradual reduction of the cultivation are proved to be so

> MARINE COURT. WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY. 😘

In the Marine Court, this morning, before the Hop. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Hathout Master, Alfred James Hailey, Chief Officer of the s.s. Empress of Japan, charged W. Allison, an able-bodied seaman belonging to his ship, with continued wilful neglect of duty on the 3rd and 4th inst.

The Ghief Officer stated that on Sunday afternoon (3rd inst.) the defendant was drunk and la the evening he was unable to come ou and do his work. He did not do any work either on Sunday afternoon or evening. Monday, he was still drunk, and did no work all day." This was in the harbour.

By defendant—Defendant came on deck on Monday morning, but was unable to bandle bis broom, and created a disturbance among the other men, and witness had him sent

By the Cont-Defendant did not offer, to turn to after that. On Tuesday, he turned to and did his work.

Defendant was ordered to forfeit six days pay and was luther sentenced to fourteen days hard labour or until the ship sails.

DESERTING A SHIP.

In the same Court, Mr. H. F. Bunje, agent the desertion. . .

DOARDING A STEAMER WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Wong Hing, a servent, and Tau Lam Hu

Apost without permission yesterday. the Calderine Apoer, when he saw the three ports over exports. Compared with last year, defendants on board. He ordered them to the experts showed a decrease of 1/69,048,042 go ashore, which they refused to do. When and the imports of Y61,737,166, or an aggregate the ship was under way, one of them jumped decrease in the total trade of Y131,685,208,- be shaken and as his successor Taen Chunoverboard into the barbour. The ship had to fapon Chronicle. stop and he picked up the man in the water.

sifter which he took the others out of the ship. The first defendant said he went on board to go on the thip by his muster. The second and third defendants offered simi-

default of primert two meaths' hard labour

RACING TOPICS.

SOME INTERESTING NOTES.

It was not so very long ago that. It gave m readers to understand-I believe it was shortly after the Foochow Races had been concluded that a few of the winners, at that port were to our annual Carnival.

My prediction, for prediction it really was has come true. For was it not at an early hour Sicilia steamed into the harbour, from Foothe suppression of opium we cannot chow, with four race ponies on board, and, in-

The ponies were: -- Heraldic (the winner of the Foochow Champions), Mehawk Chief, both consigned to John Peel's stables: Gamechick. the property of Mr. J. C. Oswald; and Kand that Chief, belonging to Mr. Baker.

These ponies were lunded in the forencon. Gamechick and Kandahar Chief are to be sold by public auction within the Jockey Club compound on the 6th instant, at 7.45 a.m. I append below a list of the races won by these ponies and it is to be hoped they will fetch good

Gamechick-Winner, British Navy Cup, Hankow Spring Meeting, 1907, one and quarter miles: winner, Chili Cup, Hankow Spring Meeting, 1907, one and a quarter miles: winner, Tuntin Plate, Shanghai Paper, Hunt Races, March 1928, one and a quarter miles second, Chukuza Cup, Shanghai Spring Meet ing, 1908, 3 quarter mile : third, Great Northern Plate Shanghai Spring Meeting 7 Furlongs: band together to hoodwink their superiors. If | winner, Stewards Cup, Foochow Winter Meet

Kandahar Chief-Second, The Maiden Stakes, Shanghai Autumn Meeting, 1908, 'quarter mile: winner, Pagoda Cup, Shanghai Autumn Meeting, 7 Furlongs: second, Pou-Ma-Ting Cup, Shanghai Autumn Meeting. One and a quarter miles: winner, Ten Men's "Yesterday we had the statistics of the Board | Cup, Foochow Winter Meeting 1908, 1 mile 3 (c) Notices should be posted. They should of Revenue on the production and consumption | Furlongs: second, Champions, Foochow Win-

On New Year Hye, by the steamship Kwana: sang, from Shanghai, there arrived four ponies where the matter is not speedily removed has been diminishing during the three years, as Derby griffins the flea-bitten grey appears to be: But | he was purchased at the Horse Bazaar auction and was knocked down for Tis. 1,900.

> The 1,900 tasler, according to all accounts from the Northern Settlement, is a grand as they belonged to the same-village, they was no other source of information but the mover, and it will be no surplise to anyone to were friends. While they were speaking statements of the local officials and the tax | see him running first or second in the event for together, the second prisoner came up and

> The other two Derby runners were purchas- augressor ran offin the direction of Mr. Grest 100,000 or. per year is insufficient to meet the ed privately at Fred. Dallas's Horse Repos- son's coolie quatters, and called out a number fory and are supposed to have cost Tis. 1,000 of men-about six-and they tackled the would be 72,000 oz, which, triffing amount spiece. Readers must not open their eyes deceased. Some poked the man and some wide and state into vacancy whon they hear: struck, and again this witness, taking fright, Who is cheated by saying that the whole pro- the prices paid, for what the uninitiated call ran- in-a-circular route, to the Mount Gough "goats," as compared with the English Police Station where he gave the information. thoroughbred for I know of a case in which i double that amount was paid for one of those "gonts," which turned out at race time to be a deceased. A third man, however, saw the goat indeed, so far as running was concerned.

> > vesterday morning to witness some of the back to Jardine's function. griffins cover the distance. The entire morning was spent in watching the three furlongs and quarter mile done, and only in one case I neck. was the mile attempted. This was done by a

The black started out from the beginning in and Kiangsi are treated thus, we may realize good style, and was joined in later by three the extent of the humbug in regard to the others. The distance was covered in 2.32, last three-quariers 1.53, last quarier 38. For the subs, the best performance was done

by Mr. Moirs marble grey, the quarter being covered in the splendid time of 30 sec. Mr. Anion's yellow dun (Gresson in the pigskin), accompanied by Mr. Gresson's chestout ("bay ton top), raced the three furlongs. The last quarter was registered in 371.

Gen. Brondwood's black (owner up) half mile clast quarter in 34: moving in fine style. Mr. Toek's bay, three furlongs; last quarter 31%. The same owner's grey was put to the same task, his last quarter being negotiated in 30. Mr. Toeg has only drawn two griffins and a lucky man he is to have "pulled" such good

All the racing was done on the sand track. and it will be noticed from the above that some very good "times" were clocked. As the training gets hotter'I hope to see the others, or some of them at least, come forward.

oth inst. Before-proceeding to give the few times which L "clocked," this morning, it would be as well that I should mention that Kandahar Chief has been sold for \$300 to Mr.E. J. Jordan; while Gamechick was bought by an officer of The Buffs for the handsome ptice of \$350.

This morning, several gallops took place. Mr. H. N. Mody's black covered the threequarter mile distance in 1.45, last quarter 33. Mr. D. Macdonald's roan one and a half miles, 3.37, last quarter 36, "boy" on top. Mr. Armstrong's "sub" (Gegg in the pigskin) with Mr. Macdonald's grey, went the mile and a half the distance being covered in 3.42, last quarter 34.

Soudan (Gegg up) together with Mr. Christiani's and Mr. Mody's "subs," were punished with the three-quarter mile distance, which was covered in 1.45. RIDING BOY.

JAPAN'S TRADE FOR 1008.

A HEAVY DECLINE.

in a brief review of the foreign trade of the

the foreign trade of all countries has shown at decrease more; or less. The financial crisis and Honan. the Presidential election in the United States, It is expected bern that a change will take and the death of the Emperor and Empress Downgor of China have seriously affected the foreign trade of Japan. The value of the and Li On, boarding house runners, were, at I trade for the last ten days of the year, is not yet the instance of Policeman, M. O'Connor, known, but assuming it to be 80 per cent. of

WE have received calendary etc. Home the fort The Affairmment of a wew termine the little see some passengers off. He was instructed to lowing fine !- Mesurs, Jardine, Mathesia & the Kawasaki Dockyard to Abeliand toder of the Co. Ld (Nobel's Ammuniton Co.) N. Ti Far Lippon Yusen Kwishs misdesan beliefe nandes & Bons, Macto, Nippon Kneen, Kalsha Lippon the asobe altimo to tened a kneel hand (Japan Mall B. S. Co.). Bradley & Co. (the LOraka.) The result was set is factory the whenel Manufacturers Life Insurance, Co.), and the Asi | developing an average speed of 10 to trusteness societed Viterard Cultivators Co.

SHOPKBBPBRIS-FOKI KILLBD

TRIAL OF THE THREE MEN RESUMED.

The Oriminal Sessions (Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice) presiding, reconvened lest Treesday, when the three coolles-Kwok, Lengg, Li Shok Chun and Hung Hoi-were charged with killing a shopknepers foki, by name Ku Tung, at the Peak on October last."

The Attorney-General (Mr. W. Rees Davies. K.C.) with whom was Mr. Dennys (of 1the Crown Solicitor's office) appeared cfor the Crown. The defendants ware represented by Mr. H. G. Calthrop, who was instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson (of Masses, Deacon, Looks) and Deacon).

"The jurymen empanelled were :-- Measrs. T. P. Hall (foreman), H. J. vander Bosch, J. P. Ulderup, D. A. Purvis, H. Reaves, H. E. Craddock and H. A. Lammert.

The Attorney-General proceeded to coutling the alleged facts of the case. He stated that the three men in the dock ware before the Court, charged with wilful murder. The first prisoner, was a coolie in the employ of Mr. Holsworthy and so was the second man, The third. accused was employed in the same capacity by Mr. W.J. Gresson. The act was committed between 10.30 .am. and 12:30 p.m., on the day, in question. The deceated was a Punti, a man of about twentyseven years of age, and a fold in the employ of a shopkeeper at 333, Queen's Road; Central. From the evidence it was adduced that the trouble, was caused over a most trivial quarrel, which had taken place between the deceased and a Hok-lo. "It was a clan dispute. The three prisoners were Hok-los, and the story of the dispute was told, by, another Puntl, by name Wu Koo, who went up in the same tram as the deceased that day. A Hok-lo enpeared to have put his foot on deceased's jacket, and as he (the Attorney-General) had already stated some trumpery disputs took place. It was not known; who the Hek-lo was, and none of the witnesses could enlighten the Grown-on that matter. However that may be, the three mendeceased, Wu Koo and the unknown Hok-loleft the car at the top station and the trio proceeded in the direction of the Peak Club, on the lower road. At a certain spot, probably before they arrived at Jardine's junction, as the witness would say some ten or more men-all Hok-los - ran up to where they were. - Wu Koo became alarmed and ran away, not, however, before he saw the deceased man struck.

· Jardine's junction, as it was called, tranches off into four reads. One road went in the direction of the Peak Club: another towards Mount Kellett ; the other to the Peak Tram Station, and the fourth to the Peak Church. Another witness slated that he met the deceased at this junction, at about 11.45 o'clock, and deliberately stepped on deceased's foot. A dispute followed, during which the alleged I These two witnesses spoke only of the first and second prisoners, who they saw attacking the third defendant chasing the fold for some distance and saw him strike the deceased There was a very good turn out at the course | twice, once after he had fallen, and then ran

The cause of death, the Attorney-General concluded, was due to wounds on the head and

Evidence was heard at length, and each witness was, put under severe cross-examination by counsel for the defence.

The hearing was then adjourned.

THE-POSITION-IN-PAKING: CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

[N. C. D. Negus.]

Peking, Jap. 4. H.E., Yuan Shih-kai visited Trentsin yesterday and returned in the evening. He is expected to leave Peking within a few days, . The outlook is unsettled. Official business

is practically at a standstill. At a meeting of eight foreign Ministers it was decided to request their respective Governments to make separate representations on the situation, but not on the reinstatement of Yuan Shih kai. The appointment of Liang Ton-yea to the Waiwupu is considered temporary.

[Der Ostanatische Zloyd.]

Peking. January 2. The downfall of Yuan Shib-kai is the cousegrance partly of his taking part in the achied'état of 1898, which has not been forgotten by the Prince Regent, who has always been intimately connected with his brother, the late Emperor Kuang Hsu and the rumours about his actions in doing away with the Emperor Kuang Hau, when the death of the Empress-Downger was imminent, and partly by reason of machinations of the Manchu party. The latter caused at first some apprehension that a change of system would take place and that reaction would get the upper hand. This fear has, however, partly been removed by the appointment of Liang Tun-yen to succeed Yuan Shih-kal in the Walwood. There are many indications that only the removal of Yoan Shih-kal himself is intended.

Peking, January, 4. It becomes known that the edict ordering the removal of Yean Shih kai must to a certain degree be traced to Chang Chih-tung, who has always been jealou. of the former successes of Yuan, and who entertained apprehensions that Yuan would one day thwart his (Chang's) plans. It is expected that Prince Sulthe President of the Board of Interior, will be removed for the same reasons from Poking within the near future and that he will probably he sent Empire for the year just closed, the Osaka, with a special mission to Tibet.

depression prevailing throughout the world, Shib-kai left Peking last for Tientsin travelling incognito. It is believed that to will not go to

the boycott of Japanese goods in South Ghins, place in the next few days in the posts of the Viceroys at Centon, Tientsin and Mukden, in all of which purisans of Yuan, Shik kal are in

It is believed that Viceroy Hai Llang of the Yunkusi will be appointed Viceroy of Chibit. There is a possibility that the Cennite, successor of Yuan Shib-ka in the Waiwund will Prosecutor's evidence was to the effect . Y362,464,831 and that of imports to Y432,730, not be Lieng Tung-yen but Lu Hel-huard the present Director General of the Pakon Tientain

The position of Chen-pi also, President of benetils mentioned

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#### DARING ARMED ROBBERT. CLEVER CAPTURE BY THE POLICE.

On Hogmanay night, when other people were coloring themselves in a manner which abelitted the season of the year, six individuals paid a visit to an opium divan at 236, Queen's Road Central. They called for a smoke and had a smoke and remained until the last guest

had left the premises. divan asked them to leave," as it was closing time. They made several excuses, and, taking the owner unawates, they attacked him threw him to the floor, gagged and bound him.

Of course, his five fakis went to his rescue, and quickly they were treated likewise. Al this time the robbers had produced daggers, with which they threatened to slay the first man who gave the alarm. "Somehow or other one of the folia managed to get out of the building, and raised the alarm. Somebody on the floor above blew a police-whistle, which brought a lukong to the scene. At that moment the marauders left the building-one of whom was seized by the policeman. Another robber came up, and, armed with a dagger, he threatened the officer. Being unable to arrest two, especially when one was armed with a dangerous weapon, the lukong hung on to his man and allowed the other to escape.

the trouble, and Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and Detective Sergeant Appleton and | however, was captured, and he was brought a party of officers proceeded to the scene, and surrounded a house in Second Street. Detective Appleton was sent up to the roof of the adjoining house, and there he met three men peeping through the hole in the sky-light-the very house which the policemen had mided. Ruilty and heavily punished. He pounced on them, but only succeeded in- At time of writing news reaches us of an capturing two, while the other slipped down trap door-into the hands, so to speak, of the at Reclamation Street, Yau-ma-ti. Five women

In all four men were arrested, not without struggle, which was subdued in very little time They were removed to the Central Police Station, and this norning, were arraigned before Mr. J. R. Wood, charged with armed

They were:-Lam Chun (23) a coolle; of Shing Wong Street, Chan Wait Sik (18) of 41 Wing Street, Chan Shang (21) a silversmith, 52, Second Street, and Tong Wa (19) a ricksha coolie, 19. Peel Street.

A plea of not guilty was entered and the accused were remanded. It is pleasing to remark that such a smar capture had been effected, and great praise due to Mr. Hanson and Mr. Appleton for what they had done. Of the \$47.75 which had been removed from the till no less than \$12.77 were

#### THE INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

#### INTERVIEW WITH AN AMERICAN DELEGATI

Dr. Hamilton Wright, one of the American Delegates to the International Opium Commission, arrived in Shangbai on Sunday, and is -staying at the Palace Hotel. Dr. Hamilton. Wright, in an interview with a representative of the N. C. Daily News, on the 4th inst. stated that the Commission had been called together at the instance of the Hon. Elihuv Root, Secretary of State. America had her own opium problem in the Philippines and elsewhere, and the State Department found that there was a great deal of dispute as to the evils connected with the consumption or smoking of ontom. Mr. Root, therefore, considered that the time was ripe for summoning Commissioners. representing the various Governments interested in the opium problem, to study the question from every side: -- li-was-considered advisable: that the Commission should be an interactional body, rather than that a report should be prepared by delegates of an interested Power. The Chinese Government has been making, strenuous efforts to control its opium evil, and therefore it, and the other Powers having territorial possessions in the Far East, were invited to appoint Commissioners. Invitations were first issued to Great Britain, China; Japan, Germany, Holland Portugual and France, and when the U.S. Government found that they were readily responded to it-was decided to make the Commission wider in its scope, and accordingly Russia, Turkey, Persia and Siam were also invited to send delegates. The other great Powers, such at Italy, Austria and Spain were not approached because they had neither territorial possessions in the Far East, nor any opium problem to cope with elsewhere. A the solicitation of the U.S. State Department the various Governments concerned appointed their Commissioners as early as possible, so that they could make a thorough study the opium question in their respective spheres. Thus, they will be in a position, on the assembling of the Gommission, to lay reports. concerning the opium question, as it affects their possessions, of the table, and the Commission, instead of being called upon to receive voluminous evidence/sowill be fin. position to grapple with the various problems

that present themselves, immediately, 4 The Commissioners have been asked either to work for a joint international report, signed by all the delegates, or, if that is found impracticable, to make reports on the subjects discussed, by the Commission to their respective Governments. It is hoped that the original idea of a joint international report will resultairem the the deliberations of the Com-

Dr. Hamilton, Wright afthorized our contemporary's representative to stale that the American Commission represents the United States and its territories and possessions and that no portion, such as Hawaii, can send a delegate with any official standing as a Com-

American Commissioners made a thorough study of the conjum problem in so far as it affects America and American possessions. Briefly stated the object of the Conference will be decide the extent of the opium evil, and then to recommend measures for controlling it. It has no power to make any agreements—they, must be the subject of subsequent negotiations between the Powers concerned. Finally, Dr. Hamilton Wright laid great stress upon the fact that the delegates have been appointed to a Commission-not a Conference-and that their work will be to study the question in its various aspects, and then to make such recommendation as they may think fit.

Spada to state that next week, the Catholic Bishops of South China-the Rt. Rev. F. Masot hare layited to attend

#### HOOLIGANISM:

SERIOUS CRIME IN THE COLONY.

4th iost. This is the time of the year when the hooligans of the city are making preparations to feather their nests in the best possible manner

-whether honestly or otherwise. Yesterday a Portuguese lady while on her way to church was attacked on the street by fourteen-year-old boy, who snatched a brooch It was before midnight that the master of the she was wearing on her blouse. The young thief made tracks, by way of Conduit Road, to escape the arm of the law, but several gentlemen who had witnessed the outrage, set out in pursuit, and succeeded in capturing the

scamp, after a long run. Of Chinese women no less than five were victimized yesterday, and in each case earpicks were stolen. Thanks to the vigilance of the police a capture in each case was effected.

But the most daring of all was the robbery which was perpetrated at Wauchai A number of men met a woman in Queen's Road East and, stating that they were strangers io the Colony, asked her if she knew of a house to let. The foolish creature said she did and took them to an unoccupied house Wanchai Road, which they inspected. While the woman was waiting for some remuneration, she was seized thrown to the floor, and gagged. The desperadoes then re-By this time headquarters were informed of I lieved her of her jewellery and what little money she had and decamped. One of them, before the magistrate (Mr. J. H. Kemp) this morning, charged with robbery with vidence. A plea of not guilty was entered, and he was

> The suspects in the other cases were found armed robbery being-perpetrated in a house were bound and gagged and property to the Value of \$70 was stolen. The police bave not made any arrests yet, but hope to do so ere

### DROWNING OF A CAPTAIN.

#### A TRAGEDY AT SEA.

Yesterday morning, 20th ult., it was learned that Captain Wagermann, of the P. & A. steamer Nicomedia, had been drowned shortly before the vessel entered the Straits of Shimonoseki. Full details of the occurrence are not yet to hand, but it appears that shortly before his disappearace the Captain was seen standing by the side of the vessel below the bridge. and as a high sea was running at the time, it is surmised that he fell overboard when the steamer gave a sudden roll. As soon as his disappearance was discovered the vessel was turned round and a search made in the hope | tion received. of finding him, but without success. What renders the event all the more sad is that Captain Wagermann expected to have his wife out here shortly,-Jupan Chronicle.

#### S.S. "FOOKSANG!

## EXPERIENCES DIRTY WEATHER .---

The Indo-China Steam-Navigation Com pany's s.s. Fooksaug, which arrived in port yes terday, reports that from Singapore, she experionced light to moderate north and north easterly winds with slight swell till the parallel of 10° N; and 110° E, was reached. Here, a low area pressure was crossed, the wind commencing at west and west-northwest, and veer ing to north-east-east, and setting in southsouth-east; all the time, she was accompanied by a high confused sea. From 14° W. and ra\* E. light, variable—airs-and-calqua with smooth sea were met with and carried the vessel to within thirty miles of Gap Rock, when thick, foggy weather set in with moderate to fresh north-easterly wind, which continued

#### JAPANHSË+SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

RUMOURED ABSORPTION IN THE Alitsu tishi... 🦁

The Osaka Jifi remarks that the bisition of the Dai Nippen Sugar Refining Company has, constantly elicited public comment and produced a feeling of insecurity among those conceroed. This state of things is ascribed by some shareholders to a want of proper care on the part of the directors. Our contemporary says that since the latter part/of last year, the company has been receiving financial assistance from the Mitsu Bishi Company, and the stands so fadvanced have now reached about Ys,600,000. The attention directed to the management of the company by Taotai-of-Constabulary in the suppression of the Mitsu Bishi has now become very marked. Hopium-smoking in Canton, At the general meeting of the company held in November, the Mitsu Bishi tratisferred Mr. Tsunekawa, who represents its interests, from the post of auditor to that of a director, filling the vacancy so caused by appointing M Shioda, another of its representatives, as auditor. In this way the Mitsu Bishi has been gradually extending its influence over the sugar-refining company, and has now begun buying up shares. The move was begun by the purchase of 2,000 shates through Mr. Fukushima Mamizo, a broker, 700 shares being subsequently bought in the name of Mr. Kakumu, the chief accountant of the Nippop Yusen Kaisha, 300 in the name of the son of lily considered. Mr. Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and 2,000 shares in the name of Mr. Sato, of the Mitsu Bishi Bank. When the shares purchased in the names of others are added, the total already will be not less than-10,000, 'It is generally believed, says the Tiji that the Mitsu Bishi will bring the sugarrefining company under its control as soon as the question of the reimbursement of duty on crude sugar is settled. When control is obtained, sweeping selorms will be introduced .-Japan Chronicle.

by public auction of the Russian steamer Amur and Duelper, which were seized at Nagasaki for the settlement of a claim for coal supplied by the Kitagata Colliery and other Japanese WE are requested by the Rev. Father G. M. | concerns, The Russian Consul claimed that he had a prior right on the steamers.

of Foochow, J. Clemente of Amoy, J. Lavest of THE Japan Chronicle learns that, M. Adolphe Kwangsi, J. Merel of Canton and D. D. Pozzoni | Gysin has been successful in arranging for a of Hongkong-withthelr respective theologians, further sum of Y1,000,000 to be advanced to will meet at the Mission House, Caine Road, to I the Kanegaluchi Cotton Spinning Co., from hold a synod to discuss matters pertinent to the same bank and on the same terms as the the administrations of their missions, Monsig- last loan. Moreover, a syndicate has been at nor Lavest, being indisposed, will be represent- the same time formed in Paris for dealing in ed by his delegate the Very Rev. Father C. L. | the shares of the Kanegasuchi, and as soon as Herand. The formal opening of the synod will the documents of the new loan are signed the take place on Sunday next at 8 o'clock, when a syndicate will begin by purchasing 3,000 of the solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at | new shares. The fact that a new loan for a the Catholic Cathedral by one of the Bishops | million yed has been arranged so soon after the with the assistance of all the other dignitaries | first 'is evidence of renewed confidence in the and the clergy, to which function all Catholics | position of the company but the part of the Lisach granciers concerned.

#### CANTON DAY BY DAY.

A MISUNDERSTANDING REMOVED

[From Our Own Correspondens,]

Cauton, 11st December. Yesterday morning the British Consul proceeded to see the Viceroy in connection with the Tai On case. The seizure of the steamer is reported to be the result of a misunderstand ing in the translation of the steamer's name Tat On, which sounds Tai An in the mandarin dislect. The papers of the sleamer were accordingly produced for evidence and after satisfactory explanations had been given by the Consul, she was at once released."

THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. Yesterday, five prisoners, who were sentence ed to death for armed robbery, were taken two from the Namhoi gaol and three from the De-

tective Department, to the execution ground and behended. SOLDIERS, WANTED. The Viceroy has issued a proclamation to

culist some five hundred soldiers to fill the places vacated in the various garrisons. COLLISION AT SEA. A few days ago, the junk Wing Fall in

ow of a steam-launch, collided with the steam launch Yuse Chaung, at a place called Ho Gao and was seriously damaged.

A STEAMER'S PREDICAMENT. Early this morning, the steamer Kinthan, while nearly Canton from Hongkong, took the ground above the Whampon DockesBuoy at New Town. She could not get off before the high tide and arrived here at nearly half-past

eight, being three and a half hours behind

#### CHINESE MINING GRADUATE.

Mr. Wong Chung Yau, a mining graduate. who returned f om America a few months ago has been engaged by the Hunan Government Mining Syndicate, Mr. Wong's services are also, necessary for the development, of the mineral sources in Kwangtung; the Viceroy has wired to the Governor of Honan asking him if he can dispense with Mr. Wong to be trans ferred back to Canton.

4th January, ARREST OF SUPPOSED\_REVOLUTIONISTS; On the 25th ultimo, in accordance with tele graphic orders from the Viceroy, the Command er-in-chief Chun Ping Chik at Waithow nirested an alleged, revolutionist belonging to his Bodyguards, and on the following day, the min was brought to Canton to be dealt with. It is reported that the prisoner is an accomplice of the two-revolutionists who were beheaded a short time ago.

On the 1st instant, two-more revolutionists were arrested in Wah Ning Li Street inside the city by order of admiral Li Chan on informa-

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. The Capton Viceroy has been in receipt of telegram from H.E. Chang Chih-tung, superintendent of the Canton-Hankow Railway, in which H.E. Chang inquired if the amount of capital, as paid up, of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company at Canton is considered to be sufficient-for-the-construction of the portion of the railway in the province of Kwangtung, or a foreign loap, under the same terms as that now floated for the provinces of Hupeh and Hunan, is necessary.

AMERICAN CONSUL TO CANTON To-morrow, at 11 ,a.m., the Viceroy will receive the American Consul at Canton. THE "FATSHAN" INCIDENT.

With a view to appease the minds of the public, the Vicercy has now again issued a proclamation to assure the people that the Falskan case will be shortly settled at a Court to be held not the Portuguese-Gonsulate-Gaberal here. and the result of the inquiry is 'expected to be very satisfactory. At the same time, the Viceroy strictly prohibited the boycott propaganda on the steamer Falshan.

#### 7th January.

Taotai Shum Yun Hing, a member of th Board of War, who is now on a commission to inspect the Naval force in the various provinces arrived here on the 3rd instant on board the gunboat Po Pik. To start with his duty here Tantai Shum will proceed to Whampon to visit. the Military establishments and test the miner

Certain well-todo people are of the opinion 4 select a suitable site on the coast in the disrict of Heungshan and turn it into ar mar following the example of the Kung Yick Mart the Sunning districts

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM-SMOKING

The Vicercy has appointed Taggaj Huj Kok

to be Inspector of the Government Anti-Opium Bureau and to act in co-operation with the MEDICAL COLLEGES FOR CANTON,

In the first moon of the next Chinese year, there will be two private medical colleges open ed in this city, one of which is to be organised under the medical practitioners, Students will be selected to enter these colleges to be trained in medicine on Western lines.

TROUBLE WITH PAWN-BROKERS.

As the officials forced the pawn-brokers, i this city to use the pawn-ticket forms mannfictured by the Government Paper Factors the nawn-brokers ate now determined tougo on strike shortly, if their petition is not satisfactor-

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. It was H.E. Chang Chih Tong's intention to personally proceed to the South shout the auth moon to make an investigation into the proerass of the construction of the Canton Hankout Railway and to settle the differences between the directors of the railway in Captots and the shareholders. His Excellency would not have failed to carry out his proposal, had not the death of the late Emperor Kuang Hau laken place in the preceding moon. M.E. Chang Chih Tung is now busily engaged in State affairs and he will not beable to leave the Capital for A NAGASAKI dispatch unnounces the dismissal some time to come to proceed to Caulon to by the Nagasaki. Appeal Court on the 28th further matters is connection with the rallway instant of the protest lodged by the Russian However, H.E. Chang. Chih. Tung the other Consul at Nagasaki, on behalf of the Russian | day gave telegraphic instructions to the Can-Harbour Office at Vladivostok, against the sale | ton Viceroy requesting him to privately inquire occasionally, into matters concerning the Canton-Hankow Railway on his behalf and to report the results to him for his information;

AN ALLEGED INFOSTOR. The monk who was arrested in Fatshan some time ago for creating disturbances, thoreby. destroying the Police station there, has been tried several times at the Namhoi Magistracy but at each of these trials be persisted in refusing to give a reply to any questions put to him. and he even remained obdurate when he received strokes with the bamboo. As there is not ufficient proof to justify publishment for the alleged offender, the Namhoi Magistrate has decided to send him back to Hankow to be dealt with by the local officials there as he is a member of the Kam Lo monastery at Heckow.

WEST RIVER PATROL. shallow-deaft motor-launch for a sum of \$7,800. I So, but they can be placed at the sate.

for the more effectual patrolling of the water-

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE. The representative of the American Government numinated to the forthcoming International Opium Conference at Shanghai on the 1st February arrived here last week and was invited by the committee of the Canton Anti-Opium Association on the 6th inst. to deliver a lecture on the subject of the evil at the Association's headquarters, when there was a large attendance. A warm reception was accorded the American visitor by the members of the Association. He made a speech on the subject of opium which was listened to with considerable interest by those present. The speaker was 'earnestly requested by the members of the Association to appeal to his Home Government to send ductors to China to assist the Empire in the suppression of opium-smoking. and he promised to do his best to comply with the request. On the 4th instant he gave a lecture on the same subject at the American Hospital.

[Our correspondent evidently refers to the Rev. E. W. Thwing's lecture. Mr. Thwing is incorrectly spoken of as the "American representative to the Conference.—Ed., H.K.T.]

#### COMMERCIAL

WBERLY SHARE LIST.

Reviewing the share business for the week Messrs, Erich Georg & Co. write on 31st

Since itsue of our last report Christmas holidays have intervened, and this week but little business has been transacted. The sterling demandrate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 8 13/16d., while rates on Shanghai are Als. 751 for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 751 for a: 3 days 'sight private draft, the rate in Shanghai on this for a 3 days sight Private Bill being Tls. 75 Bar-silver in London has advanced to 23 d. and Contols are quoted [83 11/16. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 28 per cent while the private rate of discount is 24 per cent Bank Shares, -A few Hongkong and Shang-

Nationals are unchanged. Marine Insurance Shares.—A few Unions sold at \$835, at which figure shares are on offer. North China's sold at Ils, tog and continue it request. Cantons have sellers at \$195, while China Traders at \$871, and Yangtezes at \$1671

hais sold at \$845. but more shares are on offer

the London rate has advanced to 182 tos.

Rire Insurance Shares.—Hongkongs have been done at 1324, but shares are offering. China's are easier, and sub has been accepted. Shipping Shares -- Honglong, Canton and Macaos have sellers at \$:91. Index are un-changed here; in Shanghai Tis. 37 has been necepted, while the London rates are \$23 tos. for preference, and fairs, for deferred shares. China and Manilas are weak at \$14. Douglases changed hands at \$23, and a few more shares can be placed at that figure. Star Ferries, as well as Waterboats, show no change. Shell Transports have buyers at 47 shillings, the London rate having improved to 48 shillings a second interim dividend of is. (coupon No 11) has been declared on account of the year 1908, making an far 2s, per share to date. The lividend is payable on and January, 1909; · Refineries.— \ few China Sugars are for sale

it Sizzi, and Luzons are weak with sellers a Mining Shares. — Charbonnages are unchanged. Raubs bave sellers at \$84; last night's Hongkong Telegraph prints the Mining Manager's report for the four weeks ended 5th inst.

Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares are in demand at Tls. 174; the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ended 12th instant, amounted to 30,789 tone of coal, and the sales during the same period to 32.264 tops. Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c .- There-is-

nothing to report under this heading, except that Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been in some demand, resulting in sales at \$43 to \$45, and more shares can be placed. Shanghai Docks are quiet at Tis. 75. As mentioned in our circular of . 19th instant, an interim dividend of Tls. 21 per share on account-of the current book year has been declared. Same is payable on 4th proxime, until which date the transfer books have been closed.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-The only changes are: Kowloon Lands have sellers a 533, and Hotels buyers at \$84. No sales have

been reported Cotton Mills,-Shanghai quotes: Ewos Tls. 76 buyers; Internationals Tis. 674 buyers, Laou Kung Mows Tls. 73 sellers, and Soychees Tls. 28; buyers. Hongkong Cottons have

buyers at 50 and sellers at 510. Sundry Manufacturing Companies.—Hopgkong Electrics sold and have further inquiries at \$18, Green Island Cements changed owners 6 mouths: s ..... 227 and unchanged.

. Miscellangous. - China Providents sold at 'Sro. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and rates are the same as reported last.

We take this apportunity of wishing all our readers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

#### WBEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week Messrs, E. S. Kadoone & Co. write on 8th

There has been a slightly better feeling in the market since we wrote last, but as has been the case for sometime past, business has been cuttoiled owing to the reluctance on the part of holders to sell at present low prices, 1.1 Banks .- Hourkong and Shanghal Banks have receded to \$840, at which rate they have been sold. The London quotation is £82,10/-. Marine Insurances,-Cantons have been dealt in at: \$195, while North Chinas have enequiries at the slightly reduced rate of Tls, 104. Sales of Unions have taken place at \$825. "Fire Insurances. - China Fires have been

can be had at \$315. Shipping. - Shell Transports, are slightly easier at 45/- ex: dividend of -1/- per share paid on the and instant. Douglases, are enquired THE undermentioned details left the Command at Still and Luzons at Sig.

I sold at \$100. Hongkong Fires are weak, and

at Tis. 17. Raubs are wanted at \$84 while a land men, I woman, 2 children. few sales have taken place at lower rates.

Lands. Hotels and Buildings .- Hongkong heading we have no changes to report

instant

Miscellaneous,-Hongkong Ropes have been placed at \$24 and China Borneos at \$11. There. are sellers of China Providents at Sto. .. Honkkong Electrics are wanted at \$18. Union THE P. and O. s.s. Morse, which left London Waterboats have been booked at \$10. Langkats have buyers at the reduced rate of Tis. 850.

and Sumatras are indemand at Tis, 125, ... Exchange.-The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/91 on demand. The T./T. rate on Shanghai is 751.

Forward Settlements -- The following dates have been fixed by the Stock Brokers Associa tion of Hongkong for Forward Settlements:-

January Settlement 20th January 26th February. February 30th March. 29th April, May 31st May. 20th June. YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 8th instant, Messis, Phirozsha B: Petit & Co. write:-Our last circular was dated the 24th Decem ber. 1908.

The past fortnight has been one of comparaive inactivity due to explainable causes. The first of these is the fact of the near approach of China New Year which falls on the 22nd inst. According to custom Chinese dealers do not look upon the eleventh moon of their calendar. year as a propitious one for entering into tresh cogagements. The period is rather one which finds the natives busy in closing their accounts preparatory to their departure for home districts, or to enjoy their annual recess following the New Year by those whose family ties bind them to the Colony for the time being,

What little business that has been effected during the past fortaight has been the result of inter-selling between dealers themselves. Under the influence of a steady exchange, with sharp recovery at this writing, importers were willing to give way one to two dollars per bale on last mail's quotations. With these concessions a few settlements transpired. The effect of the present business being carried on in second-hands will be to further reduce the al ready diminished stocks in importers' godowns, and in view of an anticipated improvement in the silver market, prospects of renewed activity in the yarn market are within measurable distance as soon as the China New Year holidays

From Japan the report reaches us that for ward sales have been contracted for delivery from Innuary to April to Chinese firms both in Osaka and Shanghai, After the prolonged period of inactivity in the Japanese cotton yarn market, these forward sales amounting to some 21,500 bales, of which 5,500 are reported on Japanese account, may be accepted as an indication of the hopeful outlook which the consuming districts are capable of opening with political and physical conditions in the country assuming their normal aspect. No. 20s.—Suitable and selected threads were

sold at a decline of \$1 to \$11 per bale, No. 16s. - Only one Mill's production changed hands at current rates.

. Nos. 12s. and 10s.—Only a few Mill's pro duction found buyers at a decline of \$1 to \$1 per bale.

Nos. 8s. and 6s.-Nothing doing. Market closes steady.

Sales:-275-bales of No. 201, 175 bales o No. 124, 50 bales of No. 16s, and 300 bales of No. 201.; in all about 800 bales. Arrivals :- Per steamers Assaye, Wakamiya Mars and Dellis of shout 6,800 bales.

Unsold Stock:-About 23,000 bales: Uncleared Stock :- About 12,000 bales, Exchange :- We quote to day as follows :-T. T. at Rs. 131 per cent. Demand ., , 1322

London T. T. . . Sh. 1.9 1/46d. - \$ Demand .. .. 1.9hd.=\$ Silver ...... 23 13/16d peros

TO-DAYS-EXUHANUS.

- demand:..... 9 France-Bank T.T......220 Inda T. T. ...... 31 ihanghal-Bank T.T. ..... 75 Singapore-Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100 .....75 "Koan-Bank T.T. Buying Coulde stakt L/Cimming bys sight San Francisco & New Yor ...43

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MESSES Guedes & Co. have issued a useful Anglo-Chinese Calendar for 1909.

the despatch ship Alacrity, China Squadrop, for duty, with effect from 27th November. THE cruiser Crescent arrived at Spithead from Hongkoog on 20th Nov. with the paid off

ARTIFICER-ENGINEER W. S. L. Collins joins

crews of several vossels on the China Station. ENGINEER Sub-Lieutenant F. B. Jaques has been appointed to the cruiser King Alfred (flagship of the China squadron) on transfer

from the battleship Triumph, Channel Fleet. CAPTAIN A. H. Proctor, I.M.S., was in medical charge of two double. Companies of 13th Rajputs while in camp at Tai lam Ching, from 16th Novemberto 20th November, 1908, inclusive, in addition to his own regimental duties.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. Ld., announces that the total oniput of the Company's three mines for the week ending December 19, amounted to 26,039.71 tons and the sales during the period to 23,051.10

for at \$33 but none are obtainable for at the rate. on ust inst., per s.s. Sicilia, for London;-Refinerios .- China Sugars are still on offer H.K.S.B. R.G.A .- Captain H. C. Moultrie. 3rd Middx. Regt - 1 N.C.O., r woman, Mining .- Chinese Engineerings have sellers | children, 2nd Cameton Highs .-- 2 N.C.O.'s I fin pall of rice in his hands. This aroused

Docks. Whatves and Godowns,-Kowloon | Owing to the striciness with which the officials Wharfs remain firm at \$46. Whampon Docks of Tunganhaien, Faklen, have put a stop to the have been dealt in to a fair extent at \$90, clos- planting of poppy in that district, a number of bucket taken in charge. ing with further buyers. A further rise in country people, led on by desperadoes and evil Shanghai Docks has taken place and there are | characters, mobbed a small detachment of sold | Stuck he appointment by Decree the o'char day sellers at Tis. 77 ex the interim dividend of diers charged with the duty of patrolling the Tia. 21 per share paid in Shanghai on the 4th courry-side and killed a lieutenant and several Tieh Liang, of the Ministry of War, as a

Hotels have buyers at the slightly improved. [ ] Unt as we were going to press news reaches | Corps, the namest vigilance is now kept over the rate of \$85. Shanghal Lands can be sold at I nt of a fire which had broken out at Hunghom. Tis. 120. Small sales of Hongkong Lands have Inquires made at headquarters elicited the intaken place at \$913. In other stocks under this formation that the outbreak had occurred in land high, Ministers of State personally walls Trung On's matched near the Electric Light known to the public and to the guards at the Admiral Li Chow has placed an order with a Cotton Milla Rwos have changed hands at I works and was still burning at the time. The Mesers Bailey & Co. for the building of a Tla 79. Hongkong Cottons have dropped to matched was for coolies engaged in cutting linspecton belote they are allowed to saturate I down the hill for the rallway,

MESSES Melchers & Co. sand up re Chinese calendar from the Royal Insurance Co., Ld.

on 4th ult; took the following specie for Shanghai:-Bar silver, £70,000.

THE King has been pleased to approve of Seflor Don Lino Clemente Herrera as Consul-

General of Panama at Hongkong, MR. Herbert Chatley, B.Sc., has been appointed Professor in Civil Engineering at the Tang

Shan Rogineering College, North China. INTENSE cold is reported from A Kiris Manchuria. All the rivers are frozen band over-ice traffic will be opened in a few days

IT is reported that; the daily output of the Fashun coal mines is 1,700 tons, An agreement with Russia has been signed to supply 20,000 tons per month.

THE special service cruiser Hawke, Captain Arthur H. Oldham, in the Home Fleet, has been detailed to proceed next month from her port to Hongkong with relief crews and ratings for the China Squadron.

FROM the latest returns received by the Yokohama Specie Bank, only Y.919,225 of Japaness war notes still remain uncalled for and this balance is now decreasing at the rate of about Y.10,000 per month.

CAPTAIN Martyn Webb, Notte and Darby

Regiment, who served with the 1st Battalion at

Hongkong and Singapore, has been appointed to the Indian Supply and Transport Department, and will be seconded whilst so employed, THE Klao-chow estimates for 1200 show a revenue of m.3,565,579, an increase o

m 1,839,797, and an expenditure of m.12,352,597. The contribution of the Imperial Government amounts to m.8,787,000, a decrease of m.952,353. FROM the capital we learn that a new Chinese

Electric Company is to be started, under the title of the Peking-Chisese Charlered Riectric Light Co., Ltd. There should be plenty of from for all of them in a city so densely populated . as Peking .- China Crifft. REWARDS and honous usually bestowed upon

princes and high Ministers of state on the occasion of each new year, are not to be given during the coming new year owing to the national mourning. A notification to this effect) has been issued by command of the Prince

JAPAN is continuing to import cate. Recently some thousands were sept from America. Last month 5,000 cats were embacked at Hamburg for Yakohama. It is said that: 15,000 are on;" order to be exported from Germany to Japan to keep down the too numerous rats in the

PRINCE SU, President of the Ministry of the Interior, who bas a great admiration for the Russian Secret Service, intends to send a number of his best officers in the Metropolitan Constabulary to St. Petersburg to make a close study of Russian methods, with a view to their introduction into this country,

THE Imperial Household Department has sent in its report concerning the amount of the cost to the Government of the Dalai Lama's stay in Poking. The total expenses incurred, including cost of the presents of the late Emperor and Empress Grand Dowager to the Pootiff, bring up the total bill to nearly Tis. 300,000.

THE gold standard is still as far off as ever, as far as China is concerned. During a recent conference of the Grand Council, a memorial from the Ministry of Finance, upon the introduction of a gold-standard was discussed but was finally laid on the table towing to the vigórous opposition of the majority of those present.

GRAND Secretary Chang Chih-tung, who is also Comptroller-General of the Affairs of the Ministry of Education, has issued a circular to the Viceroys, and Governors of provinces to dismiss summarily any foreign teacher in the Government schools who may in any way misbehave himself, or act unreasonably towards tho scholars.

THE Hanila Times says:-Within a few days the Tarlos of the Tabacelera fleet will sail for Hongkong where she will undergo extensive repairs to put ber in first class condition after her wreck in southern waters a few months ago, The vessel was put on the ways at Caliacao but will be dispatched to Hongkong for a thorough overhanling and repair at the docks there.

THE Ministry of Finance is considering a scheme to keep the supervision of the salt gabelle and the collection of the salt revenues entirely in the hands of that Department, and not as hitherto, in the hands of the Provincial authorities. This step, we may remark, is in accordance with the grand scheme of centralizing the power in Peking and not in the

THE assurance that oversea garrisons are not to be reduced will come as a relief to many, The garrisons of Hongkong, Singapore, and other bases in the Far East are far from being strong, and, in fact, have been cut down to the lowest possible limit commensurate with the discharge of routine duty. In war time these bases would have to be trebled in strength to far as their garrisons were concerned, but where the men would come from is quite another

WHILE addressing the jury last Wednesday in the Peak marder case, Mr. H. G. Culthrop. counsel for the defence, had occasion to remark that it would be impossible for a person who was being chased by a pursuer and separated only by about twelve yards to have time to take of his trousers and drop them on the roadside, as was adduced in the evidence. The Chief justice's reply to this theory was the interesting observation that the trousers might drop themselves.

OM the 24th ult. the Customs Guards made a very smart capture of smuggled opinm on board the c.s. Pissannich which arrived at Bangkok on the previous evening from Swatow. As the officers were on duty one of them observed a Chinese leaving the vessel with a some stapicion, and on examination the vessel was discovered to have double bottoms between which was secreted a large quantity of copium. The owner was promply arrested and the tip

of Princes Teal Too and Yu Lang, And H.E. committee in charge of the safety of the Palace and Organizers of the new Imperial Guards movements of persons entering or leaving the Palece precincts. It is stated that even princes Palace gates must now produce their passes 5g

SUB-LIEUTEMANT laques has been ordered to join the King Afred, flagship of the China teer Ball to be held at the City Hall on the

MONSIEUR C. V.B. Bapst, French Minister in Peking, has been appointed to the Foreign Vida Nova (new life). Office in Paris.

House Hotel, graed by Mr. H. Fuchs, has | Governor of the Philippines. been completely destroyed by fire.

SILVER and copper coinc bearing date of the first year of Heuts Tung have been minted, and these will be issued for currency very

LIEUT.-Colonel Payperoux, of the and regi ment of French Colonial Infantry, has been appointed to Tong-King as chief of staff of the troops of Indo-China.

A RELIEF fund for the sufferers by the Italian earthquake has been opened at the Italian Bank at Shanghal. The members of the Consular Body have thi messages of sympathy to the Italian Consul.

THE new coloured to-cent Chinese postage slamp is now in use at Shanghai and other places; and its colour is changed to a slaty. blue or cobait. There is only the 4 cents now to be issued in red.

GOH PAH and So Ho, two Chinese opium smokers at Manili, were on 4th inst, adjudged guilty of " hitting the pipe" and given six months'-imprisonment each and ordered to pay a fine of Paco sack.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's total output of the Company's three mines for the week ended Dec. 19, amounted to 16,039.71 tons and the sales during the period to 23,051.10 tons.

THE Peak murder trial was concluded at the Criminal Sessions late yesterday afternoon. About five o'clock the jury retired to consider their verdict, returning into Court fourteen minutes afterward. They found the first prisoner not guilty, and the second and third guilty of manslaughter.

FROM Messrs. Fein idez, Noronha & Co. publishes and bookbinders Shameen, Canton we have received a very artistic pocket-book. The cover is of cellulois embellished with s" study " of a girl head colours. The prelly advertising medium is characteristic of the firm's enterprise.

Police sergeant Livgill, of the Water Police Station, prosecuted Hop Ring, a contractor, of - 12, Gage Street, in the Police Court, last Tuesday, for failing to take the necessary precaution while blasting stone at Chater Road, Kowloon, soas to prevent figments flying about to the danger of pedestrius. A fine of \$20 was im-

MRS. Arnold, of 26 Westbourne Vills, Babington Path, prosecuted two of her servants-a cook and a "boy'-in the Police Court, for larceny, The accused were charged with stealing seventees tins of asparagus and one Vicanov Yang Shih-haiang of Chibli has bettle of brandy. After evidence had been d'awn, while the "boy" was sentenced to six weeks bard labout

THE richest and muleccentric man in Switzerland, Dr. Gabrini died the other day near man of the simplest habits and would wear the i husband. shabblest clothes. Many tourists visiting his beautiful Château Ciani accepted his services INFORMATION has been received from the as guide under the impression that he was one of the gardeners. Gabrini used totake their tips with glee.

SERGEANT, Gordon; of Cheung-chau Police dynamite, for which the owners-five coolieshad no permit. The quintatte were hailed before Mr. J. H. Kenn, in the Police Court, on "Tuesday forenoon, and pleading guilty to the charge two men were fined \$75 each and the others \$50 apiece."

THE s.s. Maroa sailed from Dainy on December 21 with nearly 10,000 tons of Manchurian beaus, insurance on which is covered by the London underwriters. At the request of the Agents of Lloyds Measts. Holme, Ringer and Co., Capt. Matsuo of the Marine Bureau, made the required inspection and signed the cortificite of survey. Mention may also be made of populous country. a probable further export of beans by the s.s. Bannockburn now in the port.

HE servant girl Chan Shu-Mui, who was afrested the other day, charged with stealing ten pearls, valued at \$1,100, from a family at Staunton Street, was arraigned to answer the charge in the Police Court, last Tuesday alternoon. Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs Goldring, Barlowend Morrell) appeared for the prosecution. Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Gris) defended. Evidence was. heard and the can adjourned.

A COOLIE, giving the name of Wong Puk, THE contract for the construction of the new being a month's hard labour which he took.

precarious condition, is a coolie, who was the | new contract... victim of a serious assault made upon him at Wanchai last Menday morning. In a dispute between himself and a compatriot, the man was struck on the held with an earthenware basin and knocked intensible. The force of the blow broke the basin and a splinter entered the unfortunate man's skull. His assailant escaped, and the coolie was taken to the hospital for treatment. He is not expected to live.

THE management of the new Astor House (late Connaught Hotel) desires it to be known that the hotel his now for some time been under new mangement and is excellent in every respect. There are forty-eight comfortable apartments for the accommodation of guests and the other appointments are all complete and up-to-date. The culsine is under the charge of a French chil. The Astor House makes a specialty to catir to the requirements of private

CAPT. D. Beatif, who was to recommission the Queen on 15th ult, occupies the fifteenth posttion in the list of his rank. . He will not attain als 38th birthdy until Jan. 17, and on reaching the fing rack in the near future, will be the youngest rear-dmiral in the fleet, This unnenally rapid strance is due to Capt. Beatty's beilliant war ervices, which include much work in Egyp and afterwards in the Boxer troubles, when he was commander of the bettleship. Before on the China Station. Ashore: with to bine-jackets, he led a desperate attack on two Chinese gues, which were causing a great deal of trouble, and was twice wounded in hi knithese, but daring, efforts.

INVITATIONS have been issued for the Volun-

WE have received the initial number of a Portuguese weekly printed at Macao and style

THE U.S. War Department has issued a denial It is stated from Houkdon that the Manchurian of the report that Mr. Bryan will become

> THE King's exequator empowering Mr. L. C Herrera to be Consul-General for Panama a Hongkong has received. His. Majesty's hig

Mr. Heinrich Heiland, who is motoring round the world, will deliver a lecture at the German Club at 9 p.m. to-morrow. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

REGULATIONS for the issue of licences to wholesale dealers in cocains and its salts together with the conditions on which such licences are granted, are published in the Gasette,

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. W. Kien as being in charge of the consulate general of the Netherlands. die in Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. A. van de Saude Bakthuysen.

In the Police Court, this morning, Chan Shui, an unemployed coolie, was charged with robbing one Kwok Mi Yung and Fan Chun of money, goods and chattels at No. 17, Bulkeley Street, Hunghom, yesterday. The case was

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr. A. M. Thomson, Messrs. E. H. d'Aquino, R. H. Crofton, S. B. C. Ross, and Dr. F. W. Clark to be directors of the Widows' and Orphaus' Pensions, with effect from the aist ultimo.

SUMMONSES, returnable last Tuesday, were issued against the master of the Kwan Tye shop. 112, Queen's Road Central, by Detective Sergeant Terrett, for selling poison without a druggist licence, and for not having each bottle labelled " Poison " as is required by law. The poison was strychnine. The accused was fined \$50.

THE Right Hop. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, G.C.M.G. is a passenger by the P. and O. s.s. Moeltan, leaving Marseilles-on-Christmas Day. Passengers for the Straits and China tranship at Colombo to the Devanha which will arrive at Singapore on or about Friday, Jan. 15th. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Lady Roberts and Ladies A. and E. Roberts are also passengers by the Mooltan, probably for Egypt.

THE manager of the Shing Kee firm of compradores, 13, Queen Victoria Street, and two other firms were prosecuted, at the instance of Inspector Withers, in the Police Court, last Tuesday, with being in possession of scales which, as it was alleged, did not come up to the standard weight. The charges were proved and the first two defendants were each mulcted in the sum of \$10 each, the other paying \$15 for the offence.

obtained the sanction of the Throne to conheard the charge gainst the cook was with- struct a "Pailou," or Memorial Arch'in honour of a wife of the late Marshal Ma Yu-k'on, Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Chihli, It appears that the lady committed suicide as soon as the late Marshal died, determined not to survive her husband. Posthumous honours Geneva, leaving a fortune of \$500,000, most of are also to be given to the lady by the which he made is America. Gabrini was a Throne in recogniton of her faithfulness to her

Naval Authorities to the effect that His Majesty's surveying ships Merlin and Waterwitch at present at "East Dock Buoy" and "sa" buoy respectively are engaged in taking observations of tidal stream off the entrance to the New Admi-Station, made a deset haut last Monday. Act. raity dry dock. Masters of craft and coxswains log on informationsecoived he visited a certain of launches should keep clear of these vessels. house on the island and seized three cases of and proceed at slow speed when passing, as the wash set up by them is liable to interfere with correct observations.

> THE railway line from Kaifengfu to Honanfu was opened on, 26th ult. The right to construct a line from Kaifengly, capital of Honay, by Honaniu to Hsianiu, in the heart of Shensi, was granted in the autumn of 1903 to a Belgian Company. The section from Kailengin to Chengchow where connection is made with the Peking-Hankow Railway was opened in April 1907. With the new section now opened the total langth of line constructed up to date is 225 kilometres. The line serves a fertile and

THE steamer Hanping, which has been resting on the bottom of the river since her collision with H. M. S. Flora some three months ago, has at last been raised from her bed of mud. Cofferdams had been constructed round the steamer's hold in order to pump the water out, but great difficulties were encountered, but these were finally surmounted by the Dock Company and the vessel now lies on her side on the Pootung shore. A few patches are necessary before she can be righted and taken into dock for a complete overhaul-Shanehad Times.

thirty years of age, of 4. Upper Rutter Street, graving dock at Singapore has been given to was, last Monday found in possession of a box, Messrs. .. Topham, Jones, and Railton, who which had been morted stolen by one Mare; finished recently the new admiralty dock at dula, of 35, Des Vœux Road Central. Wong Girbraltar. There are at present harbour im could not explainmatters to the satisfaction of provement and dock works in progress at Sin the police, and or being charged on Tuesday, gapore involving an expenditure to the Colony morning, in the Police Court, with unlawful of between two and three millions sterling possession, he was fined Ses, the alternative The contractors engaged are Sir John Jackson Limited (mole and harbour reclamation), West minster Construction Company (wharf accom LYING in the Goramment Civil Hospital in a modation and large wet dock), and now this

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C.	Hongkong & Shanghal Banking Corporation	190,000	Sieg	Sxag	{ \$2,500,000 } \$14,000,000 }	\$9,405,774	Interim of La for first half year @ ex}	5 <b>1</b> %	Sign eales London (\$2.10f-
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en be	Mational Bank of China, Limited	99,993	£7	<b></b>	£ 3150,000)	\$10,933	\$2 (London 1/6) for 1903	100	<b>S</b> j:
to	Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	Sago	<b>5</b> 50	\$2,50,000 \$253,757 \$411,990	2020	\$14 for 1907	7± %	Sigs sales
<b>4</b> 5	North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£s	£181,000 Tis. 150,000 Tis. 503,747	Tis, 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	St X	Tie, ros buyers
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ı,	Vagtere Insurance Association, Limited immensione	19,000	Srop	São	\$717,049 / \$1,000,000 } \$199,032 }	\$591,762	S12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	81 %	\$175 buyers
ol ey	FIRE INSURANCES. China Fire Insurance Company, Limited		Stop -	<b>\$3</b> 0	\$85,157 \$2,000,000 \$146,097	<b>5</b> 372,432	\$6 and bonus \$1 for 1906	71 %	Sto6 sales
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r.	Shipping.  China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	Sag	\$25	\$7,000 \$ \$264,638 }	gr <sub>i</sub> ogg Nil,	\$1 inr 1906	 76 Y	S14
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	Yongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	80,000	Sig	Sig	\$587,500 ( \$81,766 { \$17,655 }				
st 📗	Inde-Chica Steam Navigation Cp., Ld. (Preferred) Do. do. (Deferred)	60,000 60,000	£5	£5	£10,000}	£13,755	\$6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @}  ex 1/9 11/16==\$3. 154	52 X 74 X	(Tle 41)
	Shanghal Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000 2,000,000 2,000,000	Tis. 50	Tis. 50 £2	Tis, 75,000	Tis, 14,510 £69,817	Interim of Tis. 12 for account 1908	6 %	Tle. 47% Tle. 51% buyers 45/- buyers
b,	Star * Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	210 210	Sio Sg	\$61,000 \$47,221	\$98	\$51.00 tor year anding 0.4.1908	Li ž	524 515
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ir 📗	frawick (Geo.) & Co., Limited,	12,000	<b>235</b>	<b>5</b> 25	\$53,60z	35,726	\$1.75 for year anding \$1.12.00pressources		<b>513</b>
). 	Tongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.,	50,000	<b>\$</b> 50	<b>\$</b> 50_	\$16,806				\$46 sales
10	ongkong and Whampon Dock Company, Ld	55,700	\$50 Tls. 100	Tis. 100	\$76,199} \$200,000 Tls. 1,000,000	\$584,847 Tie, 33,742	Interim of \$4 for account 100%	55 X 65 X	Sgo se, and b. Tis. 77 sellers
ì	anghal and Hongkiw Wharf Company, Limited		Tis. 100	Tis. 100	Tis. 607,257	Tis. 22,626	Interim of Tis. 4 for account 1908	6 <b>6 %</b>	Tis. 135 sales
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91   ,	Anglo-French Land investment Co., Ld	30,000	Tis. 100 \$15	325	310,000	Tis. 6,531 Dr. \$4,200	Tis. 6 for 1907	1 , 22-	Side buyers
18  8,	Hongkong Hotel Company, Limitèd	50,153 12,000	Sig Sig	angrij Care	\$648,075 \$22,000	59,178 514,639	Interim of \$5 for account 1908	7.%	585 buyers
15	Tougkong Land Invisiment and Agency Co., Ld Tumphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	50,000 150,000	\$100°	\$100 —\$10—	\$250,000 \$217,426} \$50,000\$	536,915 \$4,691	Interim of E31 for account 1908		S92 sellers
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0	COTTON MILLS.	J 5,000	Tis, 50	Tie. 50	Tls. 150,000	Tis, 8,820	Tis, 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	64 %	Tis. 79 sales
is	Company, Limited	135,000	\$10	Szo	\$10,000	\$9,553.	. 50 cents for year anding 31.7.08	. 5t %	So buyers Tis. 67%
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ng'l	Toy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	1,000	Tis. 500	*15. <b>560</b>	Tis.,48,259	Tie. 50,663	Tim so to 1900		40
dr- he	Bell's Ashestos Rasters Agency, Limited	60,000	12/6 S18	13/6 \$13	\$5,000 (1,500	2648 Nil.	1/10) per share for 1907=\$1.037	The state of the s	\$3 bayers \$11 se; and b,
ut ck	hina Light and Power Company, Limited	* 50,000 \$	\$10} \$13	\$10} \$1\$ \$10	none Stro,coo	\$61,128 \$1,592	- Bo cents for 1907	0 and	Sto sellers
re en	sairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	573	\$6	\$100,000 \$5,000	\$48,	S1.30 for year ending 31.7.08		\$23} \$0.80
ar	Green Island Gement Company, Limited	13,000	\$10	\$10 \$10	\$18,000	- Saga	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	8 %	Sis buyers
to ho	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	Sto	Sign,000	\$9,821	\$2 for year ending 28.2.08	64 X	
at m-	Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	60,000	\$25 \$10	Sas	Sigo,coo.	\$4,578 \$8,191	Interim of \$4 for account 1908	8 %	\$14 sales
ny ig.	Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000 25,000 50,000	Ga, 100 \$10 \$10	Gr. 100 Sro]	Tia 37,503		Ath Quarterly div. of Tis. 10 and bonus of } Tis. 10 making \$50 to date	51 % 6 %	Tie. S50 beyess
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	banghal Waterworks Company, Limited	6,000	£20 Şeş	£20 \$15	Tis. 190,000 none	Tis, 58,232	Final of 27/6 making 59/6 for 1907	•••	Tis. 437}
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4.0	Union Waterboat Company, Limited		Szo Szo	\$10 \$4	1 Tis 4.000	Sint Sint	Tis. 6% for year ending 20.4.07	5 %	Sto sales
	Vetson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited		Szo	\$20	\$ \$100,000 \$25,000		So cents on 9,900 ord. shares and \$19.50 pm }  100 Founders shares for yr, and, 31,5,07 }  Interim of 30 cents a/a 1908	64 X	Seg buyers
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The essential points in the scheme of reform are as follows :--

Peers entitled to sit and vote in the House to be designated "Lords of Parliament."

Hereditary peers to elect 250 of their number to represent them. Qualification to be the main test of admission

Spiritual peers to be reduced in number to

ten-the two Archbihops and eight Bishops, the latter to be chosen by the other Bishops. Crown to summon annually four peers for

life (number not to exceed forty and to include Lords of Appeal). Power of recommendation to the Crown for

the creation of peers to be restricted. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa to be represented by nominees of the Governments of those Colonies for the time

No recommendation in respect of India. Under the suggested reforms the House would

probably consist of the following:-Peers of Blood Royal..... Representative hereditary peers 200 Oualified hereditary peers...... 130 Spiritual lords ...... to Lords of Appeal ..... 

· Total ..... ... ... 358 At the present time there are 665 hereditary

The definition of qualified bereditary Peers third on list given above) is in the section of the report in which a reference to Cown Colonies is made. It is as follows :-LORDS OF PARLIAMENT.

I he Committee recommend that: 1. Any Peer should be entitled to receive a writ of summons to the House of Lords-

(i.) Who holds, or has held, any one of the following offices viz.:-

(a) Cabinet Minister: (b) Viceroy of India 3000 1000

(c) Governor General of the Dominion of Canada: (d) Governor-General "of the Common-

wealth of Australia: (e) High Commissioner for South Africa; (f) Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; or

(ii.) Who has held for a period of four years any one of the following offices, or who with less tenure of any such office, has been for twenty-five years in the paid service of the State in any capacity,

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(b) Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Commissigner and Political Resident of the First Class in India. (c) Governor of the following Colonies:

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(d) Ambassador; or (iii) Who has been Speaker of the House of

Commons: or (iv.) Who has attained the rank of Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy or of Lieutenant-General in the Army, provided that he is, or has been, on the Active List in

such capacity-II. Any Peer should be entitled to receive a writ of summons to the House of Lords who holds, or has held, high Judicial Office within. the meaning of the Appellate Jurisdiction Acts. 1876 and 1887, or who has held the office of Attorney-General or Solicitor-General for Eug land, of Lord Advocate for Scotland, or; of At-

torney-General for Ireland. III. Any Peer, holding the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, Earl Marshal, Chairman of Committees, Political Secretary or Under-Secretary in any Government Department or holder of any political or Court office which i vacated on a change of Government, should be entitled to receive a writ of summons to the House of Lords for the duration of the Par-

IV. Any Peer succeeding to a Peerage; who has served for ten years in the House of Commons should be entitled to receive a summons to the House of Lords.

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Chinese Stowaways.

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Melbaurne, 10th December. In the House of Representatives this afternoon Mr. Batchelor (Minister for External Affrica) moved the second reading of the Immigration Restriction Bill, relating to stowaways. There was nothing to show, he said, whether there had been any reduction in the number of Asiatics in the Commonwealth since Federation. Monthly statistics were supplied from West Australia, and an increase was shown there. There were no means of forming an idea as to the other States. "The bill aimed principally at stowaways. He was pretty sure a leakage existed in this direction. If it were certain that there was a leakage, it could be easily stopped. A great many apparently reliable persons believed that thousands of Chinese got into the Commonwealth by stowing away. He was going to discard all statements as to the companies being indemnified for the populties, but when the business had reached such a singe that 20 could be brought out on one vessel it was certain it had been going on for some time. It could readily be believed that a great number of Chinese had eluded capture when this number was found at the last purt of call. Searches were made at all the way ports. It would be impossible to keep a special staff of searchers at Port Darwin to thoroughly overhaul each vessel, Wonderful ingenuity was displayed in finding hiding places for stowaways. During the last month Chinese had been discovered stowed away at various Australian ports, hidden in all sorts of places. With regard to the 20 Chinese discovered in Sydney, there

had got astray. ."I don't think this bill will help you much in catching these fellows," interposed Mr. Glynn

was thoroughly reliable information that there

were 32 originally on the Eastern so that 12

"You must do something," said Mr. Batchelor. "You must either let things go on, or you must engage a very large staff. I don't say that our staff is perfectly efficient. We'must rely on our officers to do something."

"Can't you tap the evil at its source?" asked Mr. Willis (N.S.W.)

Mr. Batchelor ( We can't do anything at the other end. What status has the Commonwealth in Hongkong? It would be impossible to have a sufficient staff at Thursday Island, for example, to detect stownways.

"My point," said, Mr., Glynn, "is that you will have just as much difficulty in catching a man under this Act as you have to catch the prohibited immigrant."

"Someone must be made responsible," repiled Mr. Batchelor. "The captain is in charge of the ship. He is responsible for what it bring's to Au tralia. If he is engaged on a business which is in defiance of the law we must throw the responsibility on him. 'We don't expect personal knowledge on the part of the captain but we think that he should be responsible for what the ship contains, I don't say that the owners are in any way implicated in this thing. He quoted from the Daily Telegraph t show how the last Chinese were discovered. "It was obvious that the Chinese had daily hours of exercise. The aim of the bill was to impose some kind of penalty on the man who had absolute charge of the ship from the beginning. The people of Australia were determined that their laws should not be defied. The information which the Government held showed that a regular system of smuggling into Australia of prohibited immigrants was proceeding. Every Chinese landed in Australia was worth £150, to be divided among those who

assisted." "As a fact, the captain of a ship dotsn't know anything about this sort of business," remarked: Mr Bruce Smith.

"I believe that," said Mr. Batchelor, "nor do I think the chief officer knows anything about

"Oh, yes, he does," interjected a member. "The bill would at last," added Mr. Batchelor, "give the captain and owners an interest in seeing that these men were not on their ships. If something was not done, there would have to be a system of registration and passports, with periodical inspections, and the taking of finger prints, and so on."

Mr. Joseph Cook cordially supported the bill. He took it that the increase was not in consequence of the discovery of the 20 Chinese on the Eastern but that it was the result of a succession of incidents.

Mr. Watton; We suspected it all clong, Mr. Cook said the difficulty with the bill was that it gave a captain a motive to smuggle Chinese ashore, instead of a motive to report cases. No provision was made for cares in which a stowaway might clude a captain, and be in the act of leaving the ship. The captain would then be liable. He assumed that special. searches would only be in de when the cir-

comstances were peculiarly suspicious. Mr. Batchelor: That is so. Mr. Cook: A provision should be inserted in the bill to give a master an opportunity of proving that he had done his best regarding

the finding of stowaways. That would only be British justice. Mr. Carr (N.S.W.) said that sorely when a master found a stowaway on board he would expose him, and not take the risk of smuggling him ashore, as suggested by the leader of the Opposition. He was averse to any provision being insered which would give an induce-

ment to smuggle men ashore. The only way

out was to cast upon the master and officers all

the responsibility. Dr. Liddell (N.S.W.) said one had only to go along the byways of Sydney and Melbourns to see almost daily aliens who were, from their siages. general appearance, newcomers. He was perfectly satisfied that these allons could be kept out of the Commonwealth. They were able to | objection to the suggestion that Chinese should

would be well if there was an Intelligence De- I apply the system to other races as well. There on board, and be paid for the information.

that there had been neglect on the put of these 'service in alien ports,

Mr. Bruce Smith (N.S.W.) said the most | discrepancy in the official return. serious aspect of the question was that the Chinote who were smuggled in might, spread disease. He suggested that the penalty for the discovery of stowaways should not be a fixed Cettain, sum.

master could make out a case which appealed to the magistrate he should not be fined the

Mr. Wilks (N.S.W.) said that he pointed out 12 months ago, that the stuff of searchers was not large enough, and was not efficient. It was no use to send shoremen on board ship. They would not know the rue of the vessel. The salary was not sufficient to attract the class of man needed for the work.

Dr. Maloney (Vic.) said that Sydney was always the chief port at which the Chinese gained entrance to the Commonwealth. . The late Mr. Kingston had proved that conclusively, in a report made some time ago. .

Mr. Deakin said that in the first years of Federation they had not been confronted with stowaways. Gradually the Customs service was improved; crevice after crevice had been closed up, but the methods for evading the officers had become ingenious. He hoped the Minister would not hesitate to take whatever administrative measures would cope with the evil. The House would, no doubt, support the

whole the officers had done remarkably well. Sir John Quick suggested that the fine should be adjusted to the enormity of the offence. The officers who were responsible for the discovery of Chinese on the Rastern should be rewarded in some substantial manner.

appointment of any special officers. On the

Mr. Kelly (N.S.W ) suggested that the power to search vessels anywhere on the Australian coast might be abused. For instance, any person who might have agrudge against a company could lay an information that Chinese were secreted in the hold of the vessel. As a safeguard it would be as well to insert a clause in the bill to deal with persons who knowingly lodged incorrect information.

Mr. Batchelor, in reply, expressed gratification at the incuser in which members had treated the measure.

The bill was read a second time. Mr. Glynn, in Committee, urged that a lower

minimum penaky should be provided. Mr. Watson (N.S.W.) was against noy reduction. It must have been known that those 20 Chinese were on board the Eustern. If there had been a penalty in existence, such as this bill provided, the officers would have taken care that those men would be found. If the penalty was reduced, the object of the bill

would be defeated. Mr. Hughes said the Enstern case must not be regarded as unique, or very unusual, " was only unusual that the chinese were found. Had the law been in operation when the 20 were discovered the captain might have been fined £100 in each case. He could not h ve paid the fine, but the company would have been called upon for it,

Mr. Sampson (Vic.) moved an ameedment that the "master, owners, agents, or charterers of vessels shall be liable." This was carried on the votes.

Mr. Sampson (Vic.) moved that after the word 'be" the words, "jointly and severally" e inserted.

This was also carried. A proposal by Mr. Glyon (S.A.), that the nenalty should be not less than-Loo, nor more

than £100, for each stowaway, was rejected. The sub-clause, as amended, reads :-If any vessel having on board any stowaway. who is a prohibited immigrant, comes into any port in Australia, the master, owners, agents, or charterers of the vessel shall be jointly and

severally liable, on symmary conviction, to a penalty of £100 for each such stowaway. On the motion of Mr. Roberts (S.A.A. subclause 2 of clause 3 was amended to read :--Every stowaway brought-into any port on board a vessel shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant for the purposes of this section,

unless it is proved that he has passed a diciation test, or that an officer has given him permission to land without restriction. -Mr. Kelly (N.S.W.) moved to have the

Whoever, by wilfully and falsely giving information to an officer, alleging the presence of stowaways, so as to cause a vessel to be detained in port, is guilty of an offence against

this Act, and liable to a penalty of £100 added to the sub-clause dealing with the captain of he vessel moving his ship while, under deten-Mr. Batchelor said that if that was to be inscried it would close up all the avenues of information, which were mostly subterranean,

Often information was passed on from one person to another before reaching the Customs Department, and the persons, referred to could not guarantee that the information was correct Mr. Kelly: The Minister tells us that per.

sons giving reliable information will be afraid to come forward. That is not what I am aiming Will they wilfully and falsely pay for unretiable information?

Mr. Batchelor: There never was unreliableofermation given.

Mr. Kelly: The Misister said previously be had to disregard information. After asking the Minister, for the sources from which the information came and being refused; he withdrew the amendment.

The Bill then passed through its remaining

CARRISON TROOPS AS SKARCHERS, Melbourne, Dec. 10.—It is pointed out, as an for keep rate out by taking special preciations. It be registered, that it would be inviding not to

partment in foreign ports, who could inform the was a possibility also that international comcompanies as to whether there were stowaways plications might arise. As to the statement by the president of the A.N.A. at Fremantle that a Mr. Sponce (N.S.W.) thought it was patent | rough census showed that since you the Chinese had increased by 600 or 700, whereas the responsible for the ship on which there were re- | Customs figures gave the increase at only 238, ported to have been 12 stowaways. Her too, Mr. Batchelor is having an inquiry made refavoured the establishment of a sort of secret | carding the correctness of the figures. He does not think that there can be such a wide

One of the proposals for increasing the precautions against Chinese stowaways being landed in Australia is to engage members of garrison troops to assist in the search work. one, but should be set down as not to exceed a Mr. Batchelor is favourable to men from the garrison at Thursday Island-where a com-Mr. Willis (N.S.W.) als : thought that if a paratively small Customs staff is employedbeing authorised to search vessels arriving there. . If the proposal were agreed to, he said, to-day, the troops would be paid the usual neward given to the Customs officers, or £5 for each alien stowaway discovered.

POSITION IN WEST AUSTRALIA. Perth (W.A.), Dec. 10 -- Referring to the Chinese influx at Tuesday night's meeting of the Fremantie A.N.A., the president urged that the Federal Government should, in its proposed bill, provide for the compulsory registration

of Chinese. The census of 1911 showed 1,406 Chinese in the State. A rough census taken during the present year showed an increase of 500 or 700, but the Customs office returns of arrivals and departures showed that from 1921 to the end of October, 1908, only 1,452 Chinese arrived, and 1,214 left the State. The increase should,

therefore, be only 238,... In the House of Assembly to-night, Mr. Horan (Labour) referred to the fact that 4 Austrians and 22 Italians had recently landed at Fremantle, and to the alien element in the Kurrawang and Nallan strikes,

The minister said he did not propose to interfere with the Federal Government, by urgingthe application of the language test to immi-

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 11th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claffus must be sent in to me on or before the 11th January, or they will not be recog-

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 11th January, at 3 P.M. No Fire insurance has been effected.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

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4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for exactination by the Consignoe's and the Company's representative at an

appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which d its they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

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On January 1, 1909, at Shanghai, WESTON O'BRIEN HARDING, BA., age 21.

(he Hongkong Welegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1909.

RAILWAYS IN OHINA.

Attention is now being paid in the North to the progress of the railway enterprise, which is going to link up the provinces of China and eventually may afford a direct route through Asia and Europe. Shanghai Times, dealing with this subject, remarks that negotiations which are going on in Peking at present, concerning the loan for the construction of the Canton-Hankow Railway, call attention to the great importance which is now being attached by the Chinese Government to the connecting of the scattered parts of the Empire by means of Rallways. Much has already been done on this line. A good trunk line connects the two important commercial centres of Tientsin-and-Hankowy-from this line a branch goes out to Tai-yuen-fu, the capital of Shansi Province, and another to Kaifengelu, the capital of Honan Province. If the present plans are carried into operation, this line will also have a branch leading from Sinyang to the far western Prowince of Szechuen, and another running east from this place through the northern part of Anhwel Province to Pokow, on the bank of I Boundburn now in the port The "Fatshan" Incident. LETTER BY NATIVE PRESS 800 IETY.

the river north of Nankings, A line from

Tientin to Pukow is also under construc-

tion, and one from Shanghai to Hangchow.

The difficulties of the Canton-Hankow Rail-

way have been many. Under the contract

with the American China Development

Company it was found impossible to carry

on the work of construction, and the con-

cession granted to that Company was

redeemed by Chins, largely under the

leadership of H.E. Chang Chih-tung, at

that time Viceroy at Wuchang. In order

to redeem the line, a loan was effected from

the Hongkong Government. The matter o

raising capital from Chinese sources was

entered into with great spirit both by the

people of Canton and Hunan Provinces.

Nothing has been done in Hunan Province

up to the present; and unfortunately in Can-

ton there has been so much discussion be-

tween the Provincial authorities and the

shareholders that little has been accomplish-

ed, although recently, under the leadership

tions have prevailed. Since the redemption

of this line it has been almost dertain that it

would be necessary to borrow foreign capital

in order to complete the work, for it proved

an impossibility for the gentry of the three

Provinces concerned to come to a common

understanding. With the original loan bor-

rowed from British sources it has been only

natural that the Government should turn to

the same sources for the additional funds

necessary to complete the line. If the loan

is finally completed," the following Chinese

Railways will be in debt to British bond

holders :-- the Peking-Newchwang line

Shanghai-Nanking line; one-half of the

Tientsin-Pukow line; Shanghai-Hangchow-

Ningpo line; and Canton-Kowloon line

The advantages of effecting foreign loans

for the construction of railways was severely

criticised for several years, but the present

policy of the Government seems to favour

this course. The policy of the former

Director-General of Railways, H.E. Sheng

Kung Pao, was fiercely attacked both by

high officials and the gentry, but time has

brought about its own justification. When

money can be borrowed from foreign sources

at 41 or 5 %, it does not seem a wise thing

to divert Chinese capital which can earn

10 % or 12 % away from such enterprises

to less profitable ones. The only thing to

have been feared in this connection from the

outset was political influence, and the plan

followed at that time of dividing the loans

between various nations was fully adequate

to protect Chinese interests. Whether these

interests are now being fully protected by

giving such a large proportion of the new

-loans to-one-nation-may-be-open-to-doubt-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French mail of the 8th December was

MONSIEUR C. V. E. Rapst, French Minister in

Peking, has been appointed to the Foreign

IT is stated from Moukden that the Manchurian

House Hotel, owned by Mr. H. Fuchs, has

SILVER and copper coins bearing date of the

first year of Hsuan Tung have been minted,

and these will be issued for currency very

A RELIEF fund for the sufferers by the Italian

earthquake has been opened at the Italian

Bank at Shanghai. The members of the Con-

sular Body have sent messages of sympathy to

GOR PAH and So Ho, two Chinese opium

smokers at Manila, were on 4th inst. adjudged

guilty of "hitting the pipe" and given six

months' imprisonment each and ordered to pay

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Com-

pany's total output of the Company's three

mines for the week ended Dec. 19, amounted

to 26,039.71 tons and the sales during the period

In the Police Court, this morning, Chan Shui,

an unemployed coolie, was charged with robi

bing one Kwok Mi Yung and Fan Chun of

money, goods and chattels at No. 17, Bulkeley

Street, Hunghom, yesterday. The case was

THE Peak murder trial was concluded at the

Criminal Sessions late yesterday afternoon.

About five o'clock the jury retired to consider

their verdict, returning into Court fourteen

minutes afterwards. They found the first pri

soner not guilty, and the second and third

THE Mishima-maru, a new steamer built at

the Kawasaki Dockyard to the order of the

Nippon Yusen Kaisha, made an official trial

trip on the 26th ultimo between Akashi and

Osaka. The result was satisfactory, the vessel

developing an average speed of 16.56 knots an

hour, against a contracted speed of \$5.25 knots.

THE s.s. Maroa sailed from Dalay on, Decem-

ber 21 with nearly 10,000 tons of Manchurian

beaus, insurance on which is covered by the

London underwriters. At the reguest of the

Agents of Lloyds, Messra, Holme, Ringer and

Co., Capt. Matsuo, of the Marine Bureau, made

the required inspection and signed the certifi

cate of survey. Mention may also be made of

a probable further expert of beans by the an

delivered in London on the 7th inst.

been completely destroyed by fire.

Office in Paris.

the Italian Consul.

a fine of P200 each.

to 23,051,10 tons.

guilty of manslaughter.

THREATENED PROTEST AGAINST PORTUGUESE CONSUL.

[From Our Oun Correspondent.]

Canton, 7th January. This morning, the native paper Kwok Sec Po published a letter which was addressed to the Portuguese Consul at Canton by the Native Press Society, asking him to reply to it within three days' time, giving satisfactory explanaions as to his complaint against the native papers in their report regarding the Falshan case. It is stated in the letter that should the Consul fail to give a teply within the limited time, the Press Society will take steps to protest against bim.

DROWNING OF A CAPIAIN.

A TRACEDY AT SEA.

Yesterday morning, 20th ult., it was learned that Captain Wagermann, of the P. & A. steamer Nicomedia, had been drowned shortly before the vessel entered the Straits of Shimonoseki. Full details of the occurrence are not yet to hand, but it appears that shortly before his disappearace the Captain was seen stand ing by the side of the vessel below the bridge, and as a high sea was running at the time, i is surmised that he fell overboard when the steamer gave a sudden roll. As soon as his disappearance was discovered the vessel was turned round and a search made in the hope of finding him, but without success. What renders the event all the more sad is that Captain Wagermann expected to have his wife out here shortly.—Jupan Chronicle.

IAPANESE SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

> RUMOURED ASSORPTION BY THE MITSU BISHI.

The Osakd Jiji remarks that the position of the Dai Nippon Sugar Refining Company has constantly elicited public comment and produced a feeling of insecurity among those concerned. This state of things is ascribed by some shareholders to a want of proper care on the part of the directors. Our contemporary says that since the latter part of last year, the company has been receiving financial assistance from the Mitsu Bishi Company, and the funds so advanced have now reached about Y1,600,000. The attention directed to the management of the company by the Mitsu Bishi has now become very marked. At the general meeting of the company held in November, the Mitsu Bishi transferred Mr. Tsunekawa, who represents its interests, from, time ago for creating disturbances, thereby the post of auditor to that of a director, filling idestroying the Police station, there; has been the vacancy so caused by appointing Mr. tried several times at the Namboi Magistracy Shiods, another of its representatives, as audi- but at each of these trials he persisted in respstor. In this way the Mitsu Bishi has been ing to give a reply to any questions put to him gradually extending its influence over the and he even remained obdurate when he receiv sugar-refining company, and has now begun ed strokes with the bamboo. As there is not buying up shares. The move was begun sufficient proof to justify punishment for the by the purchase of 2,900 shares through alleged offender, the Namboi Magistrate has Mr. Fukushima. Mamizo, a broker, 700 shares being subsequently bought 'a the name of Mr. Kakumu, the chief accountant of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, 300 in the name of the son of Mr. Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and 2,000 shares in the name of Mr. Sato, of the Mitsu Bishi Bank, When the shares purchased in the names of others are added, the total already will be not less than 10,000. It is generally believed, says the Jiji, that the Mitsu Bishi will bring the sugarrefining company under its control as soon an the question of the reimbursement of duty on crude sugar is settled. When control is obtained, sweeping selorms will be introduced,-Japan Chronicle.

A NAGASAKI dispatch announces the dismissal by the Nagasaki Appeal Court on the 28th instant of the protest lodged by the Russian Consul at Nagasaki, on behalf of the Russian Harbour Office at Vladivostok, against the sale by public auction of the Russian steamer Amus and Dueiper, which were seized at Nagasaki for the settlement of a claim for coal supplied by the Kitagata Colliery and other Japanese concerns. The Russian Consul claimed that he had a prior right on the steamers.

THE Japan Chronicle learns that M. Adolpha Gysin has been successful in arranging for a further sum of Y1,000,000 to be advanced to the Kanegasuchi Cotton Spinning Co., from the same bank and on the same terms as the last loan, Morenver, a syndicate has been at the same time formed in Paris for dealing in the shares-of the Kanegafuchi, and as soon as the documents of the new loan are signed the syndicate will begin by purchasing 5,000 of the new shares. The fact that a new loan for a million you has been arranged so soon after the first is evidence of renewed confidence in the position of the company on the part of the French financiers concerned,

WE are requested by the Rev. Father G. M. Spada to state that next week, the Catholic Bishops of South China-the Rt. Rev. F. Masot of Foothow, J. Clements of Amoy, J. Lavest of Kwangsi, J. Morel of Canton and D. D. Pezzoni of Hongkong-with their respective theologians will meet at the Mission House, Caine Road, to hold a synud to discuss mattays perchant to the administrations of their missions. Monsignor Lavest, being indisposed, will be represented by his delegate the Very Rev. Father C. L. Herand. The formal opening of the synod will take place on Sunday next at 8 o'clock, when a solemn Postifical Mass will by celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral by one of the Bishops with the assistance of all the other digularies and the imports of Yol717166, or an aggregate | A feet the husband's affidavit was read and success in all new appointment and and the clergy, to which function all Catholica decrease in the total rade of Y131,085, sol - further particular submitted to the Court, the will be certain that their hopes will not be determined to the Court, the will be certain that their hopes will not be determined to the Court, the will be certain that their hopes will not be determined to the Court, the will be certain that their hopes will not be determined to the Court, the will be certain that their hopes will not be determined to the court of the are invited to attend.

CANTON BAY BY BAY.

CHINA'S NAVY,

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 7th January.

Tactai Shum Yun illing, a member of the Board of War, who is now on a commission to inspect the Naval forcein the various provinces, arrived here on the 3rd instant on board the gunboat Po Pis. To start with his duly, here Tagtai Shum will proceed to Whampon to visit the Military establishments and test the mines

PROPOSED MART.

Certain well-to-do people are of the opinion to select a suitable site on the coast in the district of Heungahan and turn it into a mart following the example of the Kung Yick Mart in the Sunning district.

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM SMOKING.

The Viceroy has appointed Taotai Hui Kok to be Inspector of the Government Anti-Opium Bureau and to act in co-operation with the Taotai of Constabulary in the suppression of opium-smoking in Canton. ..

MEDICAL COLLEGES FOR CANTON.

In the first moon of the next Chinese year, there will be two private medical colleges opened in this city, one of which is to be organised under the medical practitioners. "Students wil be selected to enter these colleges to be trained in medicine on Western lines.

TROUBLE WITH PAWN-BROKERS.

As the officials forced the pawn-brokers in this city to use the pawn-ticket forms manu factured by the Government Paper Factory, the nawn-brokers are now determined to go an strike shortly, if their petition is not satisfactorily considered.

. CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

It was H.E. Chang Chih Tung's intention to personally proceed to the South about the 11th moon to make an investigation into the progress of the construction of the Canton-Hankow Railway and to settlethe differences between the directors of the railway in Canton and the shareholders. His Excellency would not have failed to carry out his proposal, had not the death of the late Emperor Kuang Heil taken place in the preceding moon. H.E. Chang Chih Tung is now busily engaged in State affairs and he will not be able to leave the Capital for some time to come to proceed to Canton to further matters in connection with the railway However, H.E. Chang Chih Tung the othe day gave telegraphic instructions to the Conton Viceroy requesting him to privately inquire occasionally into matters concerning the Canton-Hankow Railway on his behalf and to report the results to him for his information;

AN ALLEGED IMPOSTOR.

The monk who wassirested in Fatshan some decided to send him back to Hankow to be dealt with by the local officials there as he is a member of the Kam Lo monastery at Hankow.

WEST RIVER PATROL.

Admiral Li Chun his placed an order with Messrs Bailey & Co. for the building of a shallow-draft motor-launch for a sum of \$7,800; for the more effectual patrolling of the water-

. THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

The representative of the American Government nominated to the forthcoming International Opium Conference at Shanghai on the 1st February arrived herelast week and was invited by the committee of the Canton Anti-Opium Association on the 6th inst. to deliver a lecture on the subject of the evil at the Association's headquarters, when there was a large attendance. A warm reception was accorded the American visitor by, the members of the Association. He mide a speech on the sub ject of opium which was listened to with considerable interest by those present. The speaker was carnestly requested by the members of the Association to appeal to his Home Government to send doctors to China to assist the Empire in the suppression of opium-smoking. and he promised to do his best to comply with the request. On the 4th instant he gave a lecture on the same subject at the American Hospital.

[Our correspondent evidently refers to the Rev. E. W. Thwing's lecture. Mr. Thwing is incorrectly spoken of is the "American representative" to the Conference.-Ed., H.K.T.]

JAPAN'S TRADE FOR 1908. A HRAVY DECLINE,

In a brief review of the foreign trade of the Empire for the year just closed, the Osaka Mainiche says that owing to the financial depression prevailing throughout the world. the foreign trade of all countries has shown a decrease more or less The financial crisis and the exports showed a decrease of Yogothous the book in question. Japan Chronicles

Opium Suppression.

"A CLAP OF THUNDER AND A HIGH WIND."

POPPY CULTIVATION IN KANSU AND KIANGEL

The following is a translation of a memorial presented by Tai Pu, Tartar General of Ninghain, on the subject of the suppression of opium. The significant document appeared in the Official Gaselle of December 17, 1908:

"We have received repeated instructions that if we do not exert ourselves, in the matter of the suppression of opium we cannot wash away the country's shame, increase the nation's power, or guard sgainst future calemity. The consequences involved are great and this cannot be carried on in the usual way of conducting official business, i.e., "complying in the light and disobeying in the dark We formerly received the dispatch of the Commission for the Suppression of Oplum, ordering us within two months to send a list of the officers and soldiers in the Tertar city of Ninglisis who were addicted to the use of opium. Now the opium smokers in the Tartar garrison are very many more than fifty or sixty per cent. We ask for an extension of the time so that after making a strict investigation of the matter a list of those who truly cannot break off the opium habit may be sent in.

"We wish to act honestly without pretence." In this matter of prohibiting opium and getting rid of the opium craving; if a suitable remedy is not provided by which the disease may be cured, they will only regard the order to break off opium as "a clap of thunder and a high wind" and the opium smokers will merely band together to boodwink their superiors. I this is simply to depend on the eyes and ears of one or two men, there can be no proper investigation as to whether opium taking has been suppressed or not, "

"The gradual suppression of the growth of opium yearly for ten years; to be reported on by the official of every province will be a matter of official pretence.

"Yesterday we had the statistics of the Board of Revenue on the production and consumption of opium, for three years. In this report it is stated that the casumption of opium in the province of Kansu in the 33rd year of Kuang Haii was only forty-five picule; then it is evident that the local officials are acting sincerely and that both the smoking and cultivation of opium has been diminishing during the three years, as prescribed in the rules for gradually reducing the amount during a period of ten years. But the officials sent by the Board of Revenue to investigate Kantu province arrived at Ninghsia in the middle of the 8th moon. At that time the opium had been all gathered and there was no other source of information but the statements of the local officials and the tax collectors' statistics, which are in no sense to be regarded as sufficient proof. Only in the Taytar city of Nieghsia a supply of less than: 200,000 oz. per year is insufficient to meet the demands of the smokers. Forty-five piculs would be 72,000 oz., which trifling amount would be insufficient for the one Tahar city. Who is cheated by saying that the whole province consumes only this amount? If the Board of Revenue only relies on this statement to say that the number of smokers has decreased, it appears evident that in a few years

the deep-seated disease will be eradicated. at the end of the ten years the injury will be indescribable.

"Another cassis Tehuahsien in Kinngsi, The report says that the annual production is 660 oz. Now the better class of land produces about 200 oz. a mow. If the report; is correct, Tehushsien has only three or four mow under cultivation of opium. The merest casual traveller could not believe that. Since Kansu and Klangsi are treated thus, we may realize the extent of the humbug in regard to the other provinces"

The remainder of the memorial describes method of treatment devised by Chao-Kuochin of Shantusg, which the General proposes to use in the compulsory treatment of the opium smokers of the Tartar-city-of-Ninghaia. and closes with the proposal that the cultivation of the poppy be absolutely prohibited next year, since the returns for the gradual reduction of the cultivation are proved to be so ppreliable.

AN ALLEGRD ZIBKL,

ORDER FOR INTERIM INJUNCTION GRANTED

In the Supreme Court, this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) presiding, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mi O. D. Thomson, moved, on behalf of Chan Kung Yul and Chan Yu Shi for the granting of an interim injunction pending an action for to go to Peking for Imperial audience and alleged libel to restrain Lam Kok Sang, his since that time, his gromotion has been very agents or servants from printing, publishing or rapid. He filled the position of Customs Taosalling a book call Chan Fong Po.

Kung Yni was a married man. The cause for the motion to grant the order was a and has been all through the yarious grades in certain publication in the Colony which published the names, accomplishments, etc., of Chinese women of doubtful character. The of his former chief, becomes Acting Prebook. Counsel stated, further contained porthe Presidential election in the United States, traits of the persons mentioned in the letter- position he takes precedence over the prethe boycott of Japaness goods in South China, press, A portrait of the plaintiff's wife was to and the death of the Emperor and Empress be found among one of these. A more terri. Grand Councillors is one of the most in-Dowager of Chica have seriously affected the ble or grosser libel, Sir Henry emphatically portant men in the Government. Hill a roll tradefor the last ten days of the year is not yet than pulling the woman in such an almasac. I ment and is year to not all who those khown, but assuming I to be 80 per cent of an almanac of the prostitutes of the Colony, him Ha lately passed throughout Shinghai the figures for the preciding ten days, the total | Counsel was aware of the fact that the Court on his way to Amoy to welcome the American value of exports this year will amount to would only grant in cases of libel. Flest and from Amoy proceeded to his home Y 362,464,831 and that of imports to Y432,730. where the injury was serious, but then Sis In Capton on a short leave trops which he was 130, showing an excess of 170,265,349 in im. Henry argued, nothing could be more serious [recalled upon the deals of their Majories and posts over exports. Compared with last year | than the Allegalon against the publisher of I smithed bastily to Paking His many friends

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Telegrams.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

OHINESE POSTAL RIGHTS.

PROPOSED RECOVERY.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 6th January. The Ministry of Posts and Communications is determined to recover China's

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

Postal rights after China New Year.

REPORTED QUITE WELL.

[By courtery of the " Showing Po. ].

Peking, 7th January. On the 5th inst., a certain foreign Minister (Mr. Ijuin) returned to Peking by train.

At the railway station he met Yuan Shihkai and observed that His Excellency was going about as usual without exhibiting any signs of a bad foot.

A DAMAGING MEMORIAL.

HIGH OFFICIALS IMPEACHED.

[By courtesy of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 7th January.

In Kong Chun-lum's memorial denouncing Yuan Shih-kai, he implicated Prince Ching, Yeung Shi-chang, Hau Shi-chang, two vice-presidents of Ministries, and a certain Governor.

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

REFUSED TO RECEIVE VIBITORS.

[By coursesy of the " Shoung Po,"].

Peking, 7th January.

After his retirement Yuan Shih-kai refused." to receive any visitors except Prince Ching and Prince Ching's son.

MINISTRY OF POSTS. PRESIDENT CHAN DENOUNCED.

[By courtesy of the "Shoung Fo,"]

Peking, 7th January. A certain censor has denounced H.E. Chan Pik, president of the Ministry of Posts

and Communications, programmes and in the second WAIWUPU.

THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT,

[By complesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 7th January. It was on the recommendation of Grand Councillors Chang Chih tung and Na Tung "But if the Court regards this talk as true, that Liang Tun-yen was promoted to the post of president of the Ministry of Foreign

H. E. LIANG TUN-YEM.

Bis Excellency Ling Tun-yes, who now suc

ceeds to the important position of Acting-President of the Wai We pu, bas risen very rapidly during the last five years. He is one of the band of Chinese students who spent several. years, in the United States under the supervision of Dr. Yang Wing. After his return to China Mr. Liang was given a subordinate position in an office where his knowledge of the English language was of service and he commenced his career in China after his several years' study abroad on the munificent salary of Tis. 8 per mensem. While H. E. Chang Chih-tung was Victroy of the Canton provinces he secured the services of Mr. Liang as his interpreter and translator. Mr. Liang remained in this service as long as His Excel. lency Chang Chih-tung was in Canton and followed him when he was transferred to become Viceroy at Wuchang. Here he remained many years and became well-known to the members of the Consular staffs of various nations as well as to the foreign residents of Hankow He continued his Chinese studies very dillion gently and became proficient in them. When H.-E. Chang Chih-lung was called to Peking and H. E. Tuan Fang was Acting Viceroy at Wachang Mr. Liang was recommended tal at Tientsin, was sent to Kiangsi Province: Sir Honry Bukeley, staied that Mr. Chan. after the Nanchang Missionary troubles, was the later appointed Provincial Treasurer at Kiangel the Board of Foreige Affairs till be became Vice-President, and, now, on the retirement sident of this important Board. In his new sidents of all other boards and next to the foreign trade of Japan. The value of the lectared it would be impossible to conceive length a man of quiet, kindly temperate among all nationalities will wish him con-

#### Telegrams.

'HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

PRINCE CHING. REFUSES VISIT OF INQUIRY.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 7th January. The Prince Regent directed the Grand Councillors to proceed and inquire after Prince Ching's health.

His Highness, however, declined to receive them.

YEUNG SHI-CHANG. DECLINES HONOUR OF YUNN.

[By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

SHIH-KAUS VISIT.

Peking, 7th January. On the 3rd inst., Yuan Shih-kai proceeded to Tientsin to confer with Vicercy Yeung Shi-chang, but the latter declined to receive

Whereupon Yuan Shih-kai hastened back to Peking.

the ex-Grand-Councillor.

RESIGNATION.

YUAN SHIH KAUS SON QUITS OFFICE.,

[Ry courte y of the " Shring Po!"]

Peking, 7th January.

In consequence of the 'retirement of his father (Yuan Shih kai), Yuang Hak Teng tendered his resignation from one of the secretaryships of the Ministry of Industry Agriculture and Commerce.

It is reported that he did so on a hint being given him by a certain Prince.

TANG SHAO-PI IN AMERICA.

THE LATE EMPEROR'S MESSAGE. Washington, December 2.

"Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness; may the American people he ever blessed with prosperity and peace; these are our heartfelt wishes "

-These are the rentiments expressed in the concluding sentence of the letter from the late Emperor of Chius to the President, handed him to-day by Tang Shao Yi, the special Chinese Ambassador, thanking the United States Government for the remission of \$14,000,000 of the indemnity guaranteed by China for damages resulting from the Boxer rebellion.

The presentation of the letter took place in the blue parlor of the White House at 2,30 o'clock this afternoon. Tang, who was accompanied to the White House by Prince Tsai Fu as first secretary, and a dozen other members. of his suite, was introduced to the President by Acting Secretary Adec of the State Department, in the absence of Mr. Root, who was confined to his home by indisposition. The letter from the late Emperor was as follows:

"The Emperor of China to the President of the United States of America, greeting;

Mr. President: China has always maintaibed the most friendly relations with the United States since the establishment of intercourse between the two countries. By taking the initiative in proposing remission of a portion of the indemnity as provided by treaty; your excellency has won the respect of mankind for magnanimity and just dealing, Furthermore, the Congress has given signal proof of friendliness by giving effect to your excellency's recommendations. In sincere recognition of this generous action, we hereby appoint Tang : hao Yi, an official with the rank of President of a Ministry and Governor of the province of Fung Tien, as special Ambaisador to proceed to the United States for the purpose of presenting this our letter. We have always placed entire confidence in his eminent ability, clear perception and sterling integrity. We have specially commended him, in the discharge of his dulies, to convey to your excellency the expression of our grateful thanks and testify to our lasting friendship. It is our hope that the relations of the two countries will be further strengthened by mutual confidence. Long may your excel- R.N. lency enjoy good health and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace. These are our heartfelt wishes.

"Given on the 21th day of the eighth moon in the thirty-fourth year of Kwang Hau (September 19, 1908.)"

In presenting the letter Ambassador Tang recalled that it was the last message addressed by his late majesty to the President and said every line of it breathes friendship and good will for the Government and people of the United States and voices the sentiments of all China

The President replied briefly, saying in conchaion: "I ask you to express to your august sovereign and to the Chinese Government my appreciation and that of the Government and people of the United States, of the sending of this special Embassy, which so finely signalizes A fresh manifestation of that sincere confidence good will and friendship between the United States and the Chinese Empire, which it is a charished aim of this Government to foster for S.S. "FOOKSANG."

EXPERIENCES DIRTY WEATHER.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Pooksang, which arrived in port yesterday, reports that from Singapore, she experienced light to moderate north and north easterly winds with slight swell till the parallel of m' N. and Mo' E. was reached. Here, a low area pressure was crossed, the wind commencing at west and west-north-west, and veering to north-east-east and setting in south southeast; all the time, she was accompanied by a high confused sea. From 14" W. and "Ita" E., light, variable airs and calms with smooth sea were met with and carried the vessel to within thirty miles of Gap Rock, when thick, loggy weather set in, with moderate to fresh north-easterly wind, which continued to

THE POSITION, IN PERING. CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, [N. C. D. News.]

H.E. ' und Shih-kai visited Tientsin yesterday and returned in the evening. He is expected to leave Peking within a few days,

The outlook is unsettled. Official business practically at a standstill. At a 'meeting of eight foreign Ministers it was decided to request their respective Governments to make separate representations on the situation, but not on the reinstatement of Yuan Shih-kai.

The appointment of Liang Tun-yen to the Waiwupu is considered temporary.

[Der Ostasiatische Lloyd,]

Pêking, January 3,

The downfall of Yuan Shih-kai is the consequence partly of his taking part in the coup d'état of 1898, which has not been forgotten by the Prince Regent, who has always been intimately connected with his brother, the late Emperer Kuang Ilui and the rumours about his actions in doing away with the Emperor Kuang Hsii, when the death of the Empress-Downger was imminent, and partly by reason of machinations of the Manchu party. The latter caused at first some apprehension: that a change of system, would take place and that reaction would get the upper hand. This fear has, however, partly been removed by the appointment of Liang Tun-yen to succeed Yuan Shih kai in the Waiwupu. There are many indications that, only the removal of Your Shih-kai himself is intended.

Peking, January 4 It becomes known that the edict ordering the removal of Yuan Shih-kai must to a certain degree be traced to Chang. Chih-tung, who has always been jealous of the former successes o Your, and who entertained apprehensions that Yuan would one day thwart his (Chang's) plans. It is expected that Prince Su, the Prosident of the Board of Interior, will be rom-ved for the same reasons from Peking within the near future and that he will probably be sent with a special mission to Tibet.

The Chinese emphatically assert that Yuan Shih kai left Peking last for Tientsin, travelling incognite. It is believed that he will not go to Honan,

It is expected here that a change will take place in the next few days in the posts of the Viceroys at Canton, Tientsin and Mukden, in all of which partisans of Yuan Shih-kai are in

It is believed that Viceroy Hsi Liang of the Yunkuel will be appointed Viceroy of Chihli. There is a possibility that the definite successor of Yuan Shih-kai in the Waiwupu will not be Liang Tung-yen but Lu Hal-huan, the present Director-General of the Pukou-Tientsin

The position of Chen-pi also, President of the Board of Communications, is believed to be shaken and as his successor Tsen Chunhaunn is mentioned.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB. "A" Team v. Police."

The following have been selected to play for the "A" team in the above match on the latter's ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:-Messrs, W. C. D. Turner, A. E. Lanning, H. R. Makin, E. A. Fowler, A. Mackenzie, A. P. Dashwood, E. H. Hinds, E. Irving, W. Waterhouse, Lt. H. W. Green, and Lt. D. K. Anderson (The Buffs),

"B" Team v. Craigengower. The 'B" team will be represented by the following on the home ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:- Messrs R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, F. H. H. Stevens, A. O. Lang, H. D. Sharpin, S. S. Logan, W. E. L. Shenton, Capt. H. H. C. Baird, (The Buffs) Lt. J. S. Sill (The Buffs) and Capl. S. Robinson

H. R. C. C. "B" v. CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

The above league match will take place on the former Club's ground on Saturday at 2 o'clock p.m. Craigengower team:- L.E. Lammert (cspt.), G. A. Hancock, A. O. Brawn, R. Basa, H. L. Manderson, W. H. Viveash, R. Pestonji, A. Osman, J. D. Noria, J. D. Kinnaird and L. A. Rose.

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COLLISION NBAR CHINKIANO.

RIVER STEAMERS DAMAGED.

On Tuesday alternoon, as reported in our special Shanghai telegram, a collision between the Nisshin Kiten Kaisha steamer Tachang Marw and the Chinese steamer Singles, took place in Silver Island Pass, near Chinking as a result of which both vessels were damaged and had to be beached. The Tackang. Marw was bound up siver from Shaughai and was overtaken by the Singleein Silver Island Pass and a collision occurred, the Singles striking her on the starboard side just below the water line. The Tachang Maru began to take in water and the pumps were set going, but despite this, Captain Tauji decided to beach his vessel and did so near Golden Island. The Singles surtained considerable damage about the bows and was also beached. Operations to free the Tachdag Mars of water were continued and it was then found that the damage was not so great as was first surmised. The cargo, which was stored in the tween decks, escaped damage entirely, as only the lower holds were filled with water. Fortunately none of the passangers were injured by the collision, all being safely landed. The Singles did not fare so well, as portion of her cargo was damaged.

The Chinese steamer Klangching is also beached, but this was done by her captain in order to avoid a collision with the two vessels above mentioned. As far as we can ascertain no great damage has been sustained by the Kiang. ching, and as soon as she is floated she will continus her voyage.

The Tachary Maru was expected to arrive at Shanghai on 5th inst., in tow of the Yokang Maru, and she will be docked for overhaul and repairs. The Bingles will, we understand, need temporary repairs before she can come down

## COMMERCIAL.

YARN'MARKET.

In their report dated 8th instant, Messis Phirozsha B. Petit & Co. write:-Our last circular was dated the 24th Decem-

The past fortnight has been one of comparative inactivity due to explainable causes. The first of these is the fact of the near approach of China New Year which falls on the 22nd inst. According to custom Chinese dealers do not look upon the eleventh moon of their calendar year as a propitious one for entering into fresh engagements. The period is rather one which finds the natives busy in closing their accounts preparatory to their departure for home districts, or to enjoy their annual recess following. the New Year by those whose family ties bind them'to the Colony for the time being.

What little business that has been effected inter-selling between dealers themselves. Unsharp recovery at this writing, importers were willing to give way one to two dollars per bale

31,500 bales, of which 5,500 are reported on dication of the hopeful outlook which the conpolitical and physical conditions in the country assuming their normal aspect.

No. 205.—Suitable and selected threads were sold at a decline of \$1 to \$11 per bale, No. 16s.—Only one Mill's production changed hands at current rates.

Nos. 12s. and 10s.—Only a few Mill's production found buyers at a decline of \$1 to \$11

per bale. Nos. 8r. and 6s. - Nothing doing. Market closes steady.

No, 20s.; in all about 800 bales. Mars and Delli of about 6,800 bales, Unsold Stock :- About 23,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock :-- About 12,000 bales, Exchange :- We quote to-day as follows :-India T. T. at Rs. 131 per cent. Demand ,, , 152} ,, London T. T. .. Sh. 1.9 1/16d.=\$

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To-day's Advertisements.

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DETWEEN Astor House, and Victoria Cinematograph Co., ONE POCKET BOOK containing a few documents. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to

ASTOR HOUSE, Hongkong, 8th January, 1909.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. -DATRON-H.E. Sir FREDERICK LUGARD

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Scherzo (two pianos) ......Guilman Briton, ask of thyself (vocal) ...... Elgar Choral Fantasia ...... Vincent and other Items.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1909.

THE INTERNATIONAL OPIOM COMMISSION.

INTERVIEW WITH AN AMERICAN DELEGATE Dr. Hamilton Wright, one of the American Delegates to the International Opium Commission, arrived in Shanghai on Sunday, and is staying at the Palace Hotel, Dr. Hamilton Wright, in an interview with a representative of the N. G. Daily News, on the 4th inst. during the past fortnight has been the result of stated that the Commission had been called together at the instance of the Hon. Elihu der the influence of a steady exchange, with a Root, Secretary of State. America had her own opium problem in the Philippines and elsewhere. and the State Department found that there was on last mail's quotations. With these conces- a great deal of dispute as to the evils connected sions a few settlements transpired. The effect | with the consumption or smoking of opium. Marks, of the following Trade Mark:of the present business being carried on in Mr. Root, therefore, considered that the time second-hands will be to further reduce, the al- I was ripe for summoning Commissioners, ready diminished stocks in importers' gr downs, I representing the various Governments interest. CO., LIMITED, who claim to be the sole and in view of an anticipated improvement in ed in the opium problem, to study the question proprietors thereof. the silver market, prospects of renewed activity I from every side. It was considered advisable in the yere market are within measurable, dis- | that the Commission should be an international tance as soon as the China New Year holidays | body, rather than that a report should be prepared by delegates of an interested Power, From Japan the report reaches us that for. The Chinese Government has been making ward sales have been contracted for delivery strenuous efforts to control its opium evil, and from Jaduary to April to Chinese firms both in I therefore it, and the other Powers having terri-Osaka and Shanghai. After the prolonged torial possessions in the Far East, were invited period of inactivity in the Japanese cotton yarn to appoint Commissioners. Invitations were market, these forward sales amounting to some first issued to Great Britain, China, Japan, Germany, Holland Portugual and France, and when Jap ness-account, may be accepted as an in- the U.S. Government found that they were [73] readily responded to, it was decided to make suming districts are capable of opening with the Commission wider in its scope, and accordingly Russia, Turkey, Persia and Siam were also invited to send delegates. The other great Powers, such as Italy, Austria and Spain were not approached because they had neither territorial possessions in the Far East, nor any opium problem to cope with elsewhere. At

the solicitation of the U.S. State Department the various Governments concerned appointed their Commissioners as early as possible, so that they could make a thorough-study-of the opium question in their respective spheres, Sales:-275 bales of No. 101, 175 bales of Thus, they will be in a position, on the as-No. 12s., 50 bales of No. 16s., and 300 bales of sembling of the Commission, to lay reports concerning the opium question, as it affects Arrivals:-Per steamers Amaye, Wakamiju their possessions, on the table, and the Commission, instead of being called upon to receive voluminous evidence, will be in position to grapple with the various problems that present themselves, immediately.

The Commissioners have been asked either to work for a joint international report, signed by all the delegates, or, if that is found impracticable, to make reports on the subjects discussed by the Commission to their respective Governments. It is hoped that the original idea of a joint international report will result from the the deliberations of the Commission.

Dr. Hamilton Wright authorized our contemporary's representative to state that the American Commission represents the United States and its territories and possessions and that no portion, such as Hawaii, can send a delegate with any official standing as a Commissioner.

The American Commissioners have made a thorough study of the opium problem in so far. as it affects America and American possessions. Briefly stated. the object of the Conference will be to decide the extent of the opium evil, and then to recommend measures for controlling it. It bas no power to make any sgreements-they 44? must be the subject of subsequent pegotiations 30 days sight Sydney & Molbourne ...... 1.01 | belween the Powers Concerned. Finally De 6 months sight me or an announce and 10 fact that the delegates have been appointed to Ber Bilver siemenseemenseemenseemen 35 13/16 | their work will be to study the question in its Bath of Rogland rate total total total to make such recom-Sopersign derivition restriction of the property of the state of the s

#### To-day's Advertisements.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE,

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE MARK:

TOTICE is hereby given that ALEXAN DER RICHARD ROBY HASSAN Manager of CONNELL BROTHERS COMPANY, Hongkong, has, on the 15th day of August, 1908, applied for the Registration in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark :-

The representation of a Cow in a standing position with the word "Cow," under-

in the name of Messis. CONNELL BRO-THERS COMPANY, who claim to be the sole proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicant in respect of FLOUR in Class 42. .A Facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1909; WILKINSON & GRIST, on behalf of

CONNELL BROTHERS COMPANY, THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE,

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TRADE MARK.

TOTICE is hereby given that PEARSUN'S ANTISEPTIC CO, LIMITED, of 15 Elm Street, Gray's Inn. Road, London, England, Disinfectant Merchants, have, on the 27th day of November, 1908, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks of the following Trade Mark !-

in the name of PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC CO., LIMITED, who claim to be the sole pro-

prietors thereof. The Trade Mark has been used by the Ap-

plicants since 19th August, 1908, in respect of the following goods :-Disinfectant for use for agricultural, horticultural, veterinary and sanitary pur-

poses, in Class 2. · A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1909. WILKINSON & GRIST, on behalf of PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC CO.

LIMITED. THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE;

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE MARK.

TOTICE is hereby given that PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC CO., LIMITED, of 19 Elm Street, Gray's Inn Road, London, Eng. land, Disinfectant Merchants, have, on the 27th day-of-November, 1908, applied for the Kegistration in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade

"CARYOSOL" in the name of PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC. The Trade Mark has been used by the Ap-

plicants since 28th July, 1908, in respect of the following goods :--Chemical substance prepared for use in medicine and pharmacy, in Class 3. A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen

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Mr. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and Mr. EUGEN SIEBERT have this day been admitted as partners in our firm; SIEMSSEN & CO.

Shangbai, Hongkongi& China, 1st January, 1909.

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FR. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS, Manager for China. Shanghai, 1st January, 1909.

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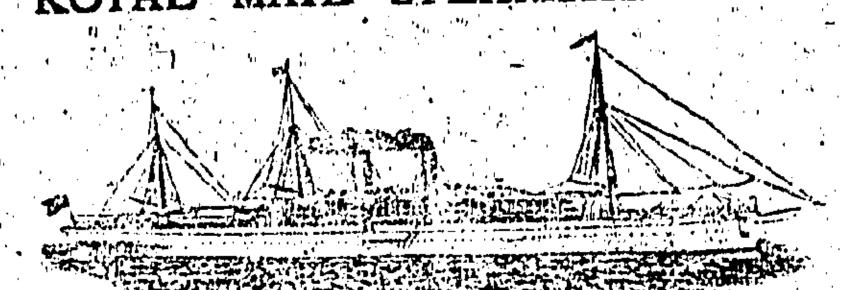
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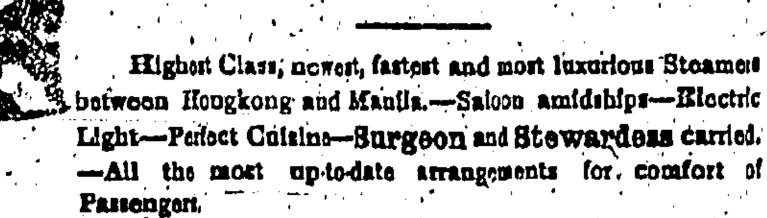
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#### VESSELS IN PORT. SHIPPING AND MAILS STIAMERS. MAILS DUB. Amara, Br. s.s., 1,566, Mattock, 7th Indian (Kumsang) toth inst. Hongay 4th Jan, Coal. J., M. & Co. German (Lustrow) 14th inst. Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 990, Le Bail, 4th Ja Saigon 31st Dec., Rice, Wo Fat Sin The N. Y. K. s.s. (Ceylon Mars., Bombay Line, left Moji for this port on 7th lust., and is Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,813, M. Yamamote Jan ... Moji 31st Dec., Coal ... M. B. expected here on 12th inst. Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, J. Ka The N. Y. K. s.s. Tango Mars, American 6th lan ..- Haiphoug and Hoibow 5th Line, left Shanghai for this port on 8th insta-Gen.—J. & Co. and is expected here on tath inst. Children, Nor. s.s., 1,102, Niclason, 1st J Swatow 31st Dec.; Ballast, - Ang. Thoresen & Co. The N. Y. K. s.s. Moyori Maru, Bombay Line, left Bombay for this port via Singapore on 7th inst., and is expected here on 28th inst. Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, F. Mooney, Dec.,-Chingwantao 23rd Dec., C and Weihaiwei 15th, Coal and Gen THE WEATHER, M. & Cb. Chowta', Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Möllerman The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Jan, Bangkok 29th Dec., Gen, Director of the Hongkong Observatory,:-Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Bendixen On the 8th at 11.55 a.—The barometer has Tan.,-Swatow 1st Jan., Gen .-- J. & C risen generally, more decidedly in the North Dakotah, Br. s.s., 2,593, Ross, 21st De than in the South. San Francisco 23rd Nov, Kerosine ( An anticyclonic area lies over N. China, and Derwent, Br. s.s., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th pressure remains relatively low over the -Saigon 12th Dec., Gou.-Man Fat & northern shores of the China Sea. Deucalion, Br. s.s., 4,476, J. Riessenham Gradients are rather steep over the Formosa 7th Jan.,-Singapore 2nd Jan., Gen Channel and S. coast of China where strong Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, F. Robi N.E. winds will continue to prevail. R.N.R., 181 Jan, Vancouver 10th Hougkong Rainfall for the 14 hours ending and Shanghai 30th, Mails and Gen .-at so a.m. to-day, 0.05 inches. FORECAST. Gregory Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,961, S. H. Be r.-Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. 4th Jan,-Moji 31st Dec, Gen.-D. winds, strong; squally, rainy, Holstein, Ger. s s., 985, A. Viejahr, 3rd J. 2.—Formosa Channel, rame as No. 1. Haiphong 30th Dec., and Hoihow 1st .-South coast of China between Hongkong Gen,--- [. & Co. and Lamocks, same as No., t. Inveric, Br. s.s., 3,113, R. J. Howie, 5th 4.-South coast of China between Hongkong. -Manila and Jan., Gen.-D. & Co., Kenkon Mato, Jap. s.s., 1,728, T. Takai and Halpan, same as No. I. Jan, -- Moji 27th Dec , Coal. -- M. B. Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 1,874, A. Enigk, 5th -Mororan 30th Dec., Coal. - H. A. I Hyping. Mainas De Batan, Am. s.s., 1,758, F. Sie 3rd Jan.,-Manila 28th Dec., Balla Arrivals. Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,194, E. Ericksen, Fooksang, Br. s.s., 1,987, T. A. 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Larssen, 8th fan.,-Jan.,-San Francisco est Dec., Hon Ganton 7th Jan., Gen .- Order. 8th, Yokohama 21st, Kobe 22nd, Nag Zweens; Br. s.s., 941, A. Ramsay, 8th Jan.,-24th, Shanghai 26th, and Manila Samarang 20th Dec., Gen.-Yuen Fat Mails and Gen -P. M. S. S. Co. Nord, Br. s.s., 1,145, Prynn, 22nd Dec., Assaye, Br. s.s , 4,395, C. L. Daniel, 8th Jan., ping 20th Dec., Ballast .-- Mr. Geo. -Shanghai 5th Jan., Mails and Gen.-P. & O S. N. Co. Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Houghton, 5th Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 900, I., Sakurai, 8th Cheribon, (Iava) 24th Dec., Sugar,-Jan, Swatow 7th Jan, Gen. O. S. K. Capri, Ital. s.s., 2,718, D. Pedone, 8th Jan ..-Orange Branch, Br. s.s., 2,197, J. McCle 27th Dec .- Sydney via Ports 17th Bombay 17th Dec., and Singapore 1st Jan., Sleepers and Gen.—D. & Co., Ld. Gan.—C. & Co. Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, Wenzel, 4th J Tamsui, Br. s.s., 991, Lennox, 8th Jan ,-Bangkok and Holhow 26th Dec. Ger Chefoo and Jan., Gen.—B. & S. Kisshe Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,536, B. Myaoke, 7th Proteus, Nor. s.s., 1,074, C. Möller, 3rd Jan, - Japan 28th Dec., Coal. - Japanese. -Canton 2nd Jan., Gen.-Aagand, T sen & Co. Clearances at the Harbour Office. Rajah, Ger. s.s., 1,250, R. Petersen, 30th -Bangkok 21st Dec., Rice.-B. & S. Kni sborg, for Haiphong, Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 4th Tingiang, for Swatow. -Manila and Jan., Hemp and Gen Haltan, for Swalow. T. & Co. Holching, for Kwong-chow-wan. Sark, Nor. s.s., 1,450, Wold, 2nd Jan .... Ralgay, for Shanghai. Tamiul, for Canton. castle rath Dec., Coal.-A., K.& Co. Rubl, for Manila. Titania, Ger transport, 1,245, Schaake Jan., -Amoy and Jan. Wakamaisu Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,728, U. Ai 4th Jap.,—Wakamatsu 30th Dec., C Wongkol, for Swatow. Yerimo Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,350, N. Koba Wakamiya Maru, for Kobs, 5th Jan.,-Moji 30th Dec., Coal,-M. Knivsberg, for Haiphong. Ydensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe Den of Ogil, for Singapore: Jan.,-Manila 11st Dec., Gen.-J., Hattan, for Coast Ports Tingsang, for Shanghai. Kalgan, for Shangbai. SAILING VESSELS. Prins Sigismund, for Japan. Annie E. Smale, Am. 4-masted schr., 800 · Passengers arrived. Colstrup, 13th Dec .- Portland, Or Per Fooksang, from Singapore - Messrs. Oct., Lumber.-Mr. Jack. Avery, Phillips, Mrs. Priteque and son, Dr. and Lyndhurst, Br. bark, Parnell, 14th Se Mrs. Annesley, and 990 Chinese. Bangkok 25th Aug., Case Oil.—S. O Per Tean, from Manila-Messrs. J. J. Bliss, Tarang, Br. schooner, 87, Oliver, 7th D R. L. Williams, W. J. Hietmuller, M. A. Palau Island 15th Nov., Iron. Mr. G. P. Fisher, G. Hildebraud, J. S. Delehanty, W. Lammert. Devercaux, W. M. Burns, F. Flayberty, H. L. Boggerly, J. Holloway, H. Mc. Ardle, J. Curtis, . G. Graney, H. Dangie, H. E. Goldsmith, T. DOCK RETURNS. H. Ronie, B. Ullman, Mesdames Wright, Fisher, Miss M. Ridgeway, Mrs. Hildebrand, and 13 Chinese. Per Tenyo Maru, from San Francisco, &c:-Mr. Chas. E. Batho, Dr. and Mrs. Fred, Bept. ley, Messrs. D. E. Blake, J. F. Gau, Mr. and Mrs. A. 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Passengers expected. Por Zulsow, 14th January, -- Mosers. L. Hall

Per Assays, from Shanghai for Hongkong-

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Messrs. Bernstein, Mor-

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ward, W. D. Pemberton, Thos. Kerr, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Hourmon and child, Dr. Gremm, Mr. Mrs. and: Miss Craig, Pastors Kriele and Rob

Per Prins Regent Luitfold, 28th January,-Messes. C. Bickel, M. Jebsen, Revs. S., G Tope, C. D. Consens, Lebmann, Graf, Gerster

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, goth Chefoo		Singapore, Pening and Calcutta — Per Kutsang, 15th Jan., 11 A.M.
n,J.,	CRIMA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.	Manila—Per Yuensong, 15th Jan., 3 P.M. Shanghal, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
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·	Visdivostock 17. s.m	letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per Empress of Japan, 15th Jan., 6 P.M.
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A Mail will close for :-Manila-Per Rull, 9th Jan., to A.M. Bangkok-Per Rojak, 9th Jan., 10 A.M. Chickisug - Per. Kowloon, 9th Jan., 10 A.M. Shanghai, Nagataki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle-Per Minniola, 9th Jan., 10 A.M. Shaoghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)-Per Mongolla, oth Jan., to A.M.

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	National Bank of China, Limited		\$250	Sso	\$1,560,000 \$232,757 }	none	S14 for 1907	72	\$195 sellers
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